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CHEST AND TRUNK BUILDER

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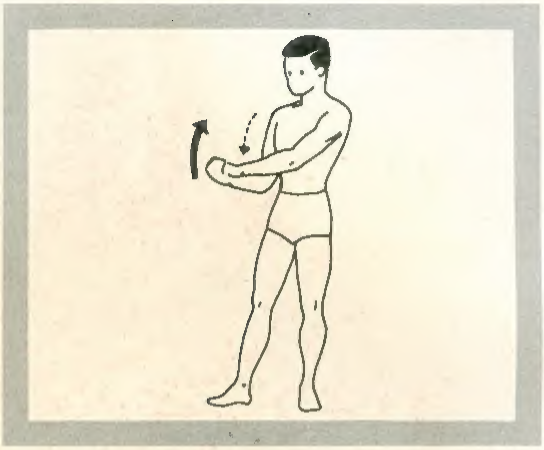
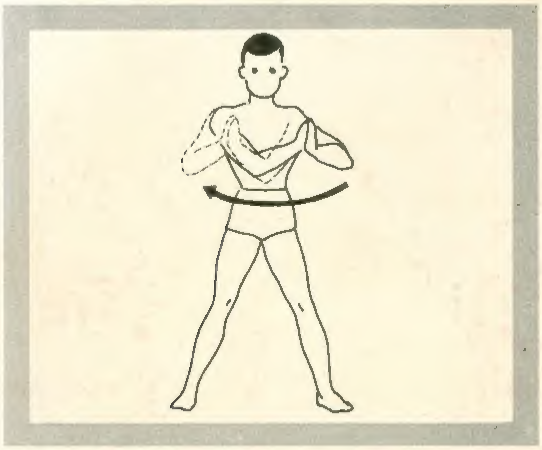
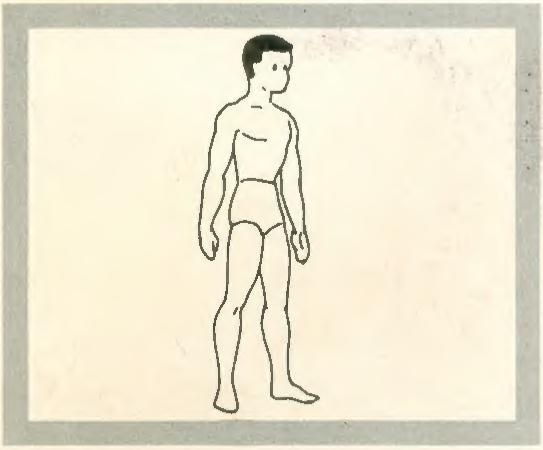


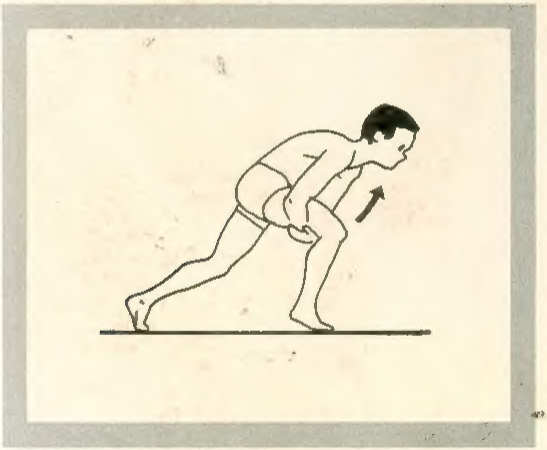
This biceps builder helps your chest muscles . . . Hold right elbow in, forearm level; bend arm up, against the force of left hand.



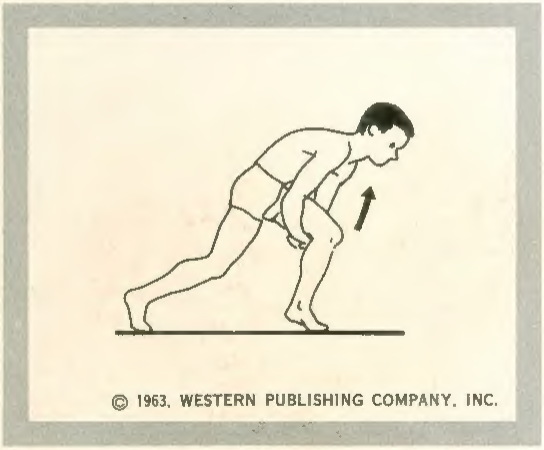
Palms together, fingers interlaced, take a deep breath . . . Push your left hand (resisting strongly) across chest. Reverse action.



The bear hug starts with a firm, easy stance, the feet slightly spread, hands on hips. The shoulders are back, the stomach pulled in.



Now, take a long step ahead and partly to the right . . . Wrap both arms around right thigh with a quick, strong, lifting effort.



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Return to the first position . . . Take a quick stride partly to the left, and tackle the left thigh hard . . . Repeat action till tired.

THE PHANTOM
OOGOORU

DEEP IN THE HOSTILE JUNGLE, MODERN MEDICAL TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF DR. AXEL, WHO WAS BROUGHT HERE MANY YEARS AGO BY ***THE PHANTOM***. ALTHOUGH HE IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE PHANTOM, HE OPERATES UNDER CONSTANT DANGER FROM THE DREADED ***WITCHMEN!***

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MOCK OUR ANCIENT ARTS BECAUSE OF THE MEDICINE OF DR. AXEL--

WE MUST ***DESTROY*** DR. AXEL AND HIS HOSPITAL!

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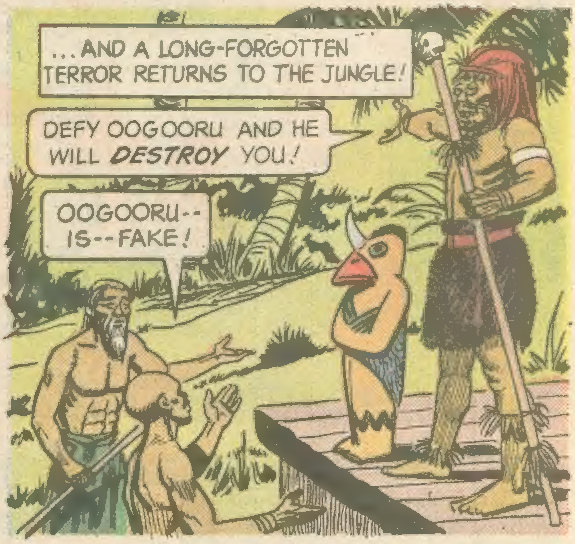
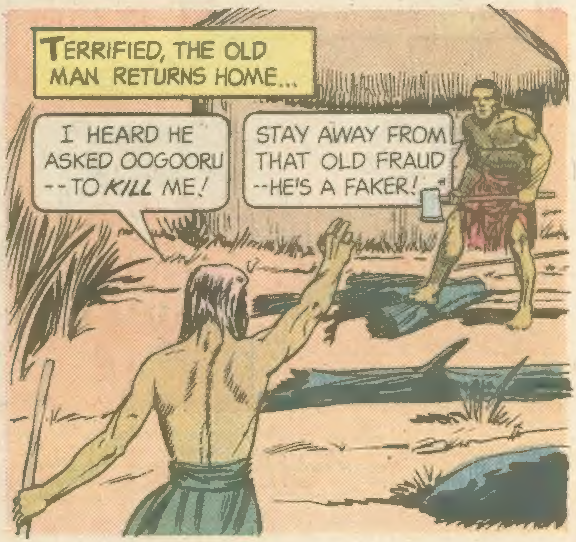
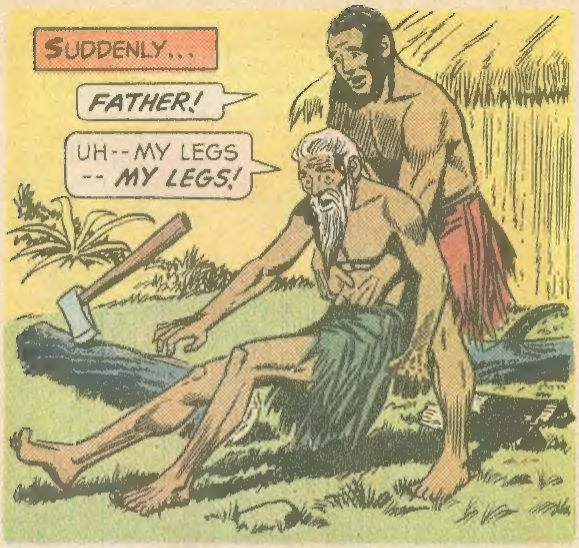
XEL'S HOSPITAL
WITH THE PHANTOM'S DEATH WE CAN BRING AN END TO DR. AXEL!
AND PROVE OUR MEDICINE IS STRONGER THAN HIS!
DR. AXEL'S HOSPITAL, LONG UNDER THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF THE LEGENDARY PHANTOM, IS NOW THREATENED BY A DIFFERENT JUNGLE LEGEND!

LATER, THE WITCH-MEN UNCOVER HIDDEN STATUES OF OOGOORU, THE ANCIENT IDOL OF MURDER!
HE WILL HELP US TEACH OUR TRIBES TO FEAR US AGAIN!
OOGOORU


...AND A LONG-FORGOTTEN TERROR RETURNS TO THE JUNGLE!
DEFY OOGOORU AND HE WILL DESTROY YOU!
OOGOORU--IS--FAKE!

O OOGOORU--BRING DEATH TO GANTI, SON OF GANTU! LET HIS LEGS BE PIERCED WITH PAIN LIKE KNIVES!

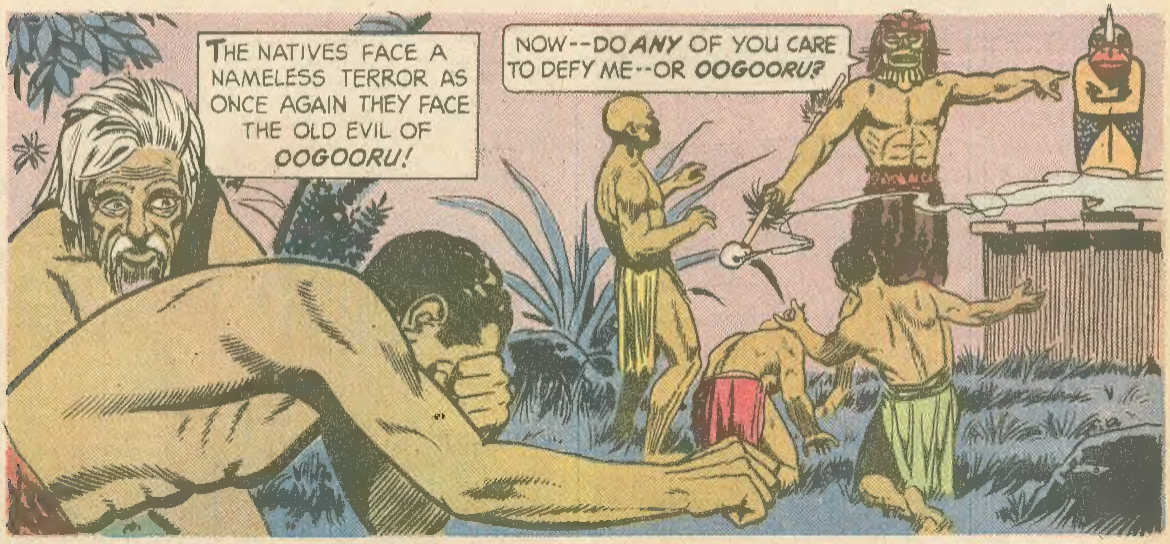

TERRIFIED, THE OLD MAN RETURNS HOME...
I HEARD HE ASKED OOGOORU--TO KILL ME!
STAY AWAY FROM THAT OLD FRAUD--HE'S A FAKER!


SUDDENLY...
FATHER!
UH--MY LEGS -- MY LEGS!

MINUTES AFTER, A GRIM WARNING...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY FATHER, YOU OLD RASCAL?
HE DEFIED OOGOORU! -- HE IS DOOMED UNLESS HE REPENTS--AS ARE ALL OF YOU!

I THINK THAT INCENSE YOU BURN HAS CAUSED THIS... DR. AXEL WILL KNOW FOR SURE!
STOP HIM, OOGOORU-- DESTROY HIM!

MY HEAD SPINS-- I FEEL-- WEAK!
SON... THE CURSE OF OOGOORU!


THE NATIVES FACE A NAMELESS TERROR AS ONCE AGAIN THEY FACE THE OLD EVIL OF OOGOORU!
NOW--DO ANY OF YOU CARE TO DEFY ME--OR OOGOORU?

THROUGHOUT THE JUNGLE, THE WITCHMEN REVIVE THEIR OLD CEREMONIES, AND SOON EVEN THE CHIEFS FEAR THEM!

IN A FEW PLACES, THE YOUNG WARRIORS STILL DEFY THE WITCHMEN!

AXEL'S HO
BUT *FEAR* IS STRONGER...
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?
BECAUSE OF THE WITCHMEN--AND OOGOORU! TO STAY IS TO DIE, DR. AXEL!

DO NOT FEAR THESE WITCHMEN!--WE ARE PROTECTED BY *THE PHANTOM!*--THERE IS HIS MARK!
XEL'S HO

WHEN THE PHANTOM IS DEAD---THERE'LL BE *NO ONE* TO PROTECT THEM OR DR. AXEL!

TONIGHT'S THE DARK OF THE MOON!--THE WITCHMEN WILL GATHER ON DOOM PEAK TO DISCUSS MY DOOM!
BUT THE PHANTOM IS WELL AWARE OF THE WITCHMEN'S PLAN--

--AND INVITES HIMSELF TO ONE OF THEIR SECRET CONCLAVES!
OUR POWER IS RETURNING!--NOW COMES THE TIME TO DESTROY THE PHANTOM FOREVER!

WE WILL CHALLENGE THE PHANTOM TO MEET THE POWER OF OOGOORU! HE CANNOT REFUSE A CHALLENGE, AND ALL THE JUNGLE WILL SEE HE CAN DIE LIKE OTHER MEN!

WE WILL SOAK THE GROUND IN OIL FOR OUR MAGIC FIRE--
--AND THE FINAL END OF THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

RETURN TO YOUR VILLAGES AND LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT OOGOORU CHALLENGES THE PHANTOM!
OOGOORU, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TANGLE--SOON!

SOON THE DRUMS OF THE WITCH-MEN ROLL THROUGH THE JUNGLE.
DOES THE PHANTOM DARE FACE OOGOORU?

-- AND THE CHALLENGE BECOMES OFFICIAL!
I KNOW IT'S A TRAP, GURAN, BUT I MUST TAKE A CHANCE AND END THIS EVIL!
THIS IS A TRICK TO TRAP AND KILL YOU!

FILL THIS SACK WITH ANIMAL BONES! IT MUST BE A SECRET -- TELL NO ONE!

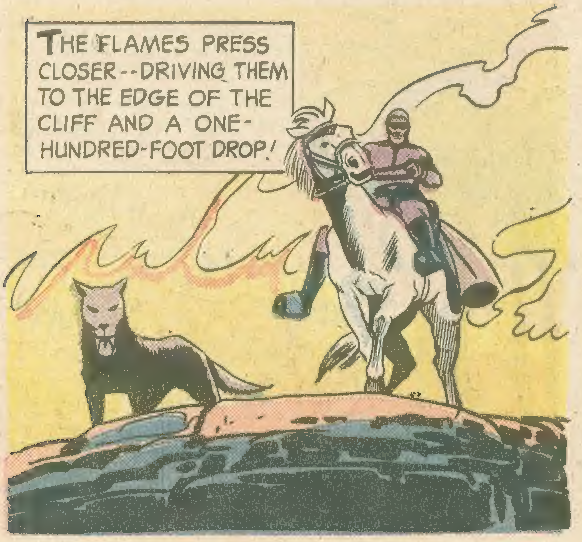
AS NIGHT APPROACHES, THE PHANTOM RIDES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE...
SOMETIMES HIS WAYS ARE MYSTERIOUS! WHAT WILL HE DO WITH THOSE BONES?

WHILE ATOP DOOM PEAK, THE JUNGLE CHIEFS WAIT EXPECTANTLY...
THE PHANTOM WILL NOT COME! --HE FEARS OUR POWER!

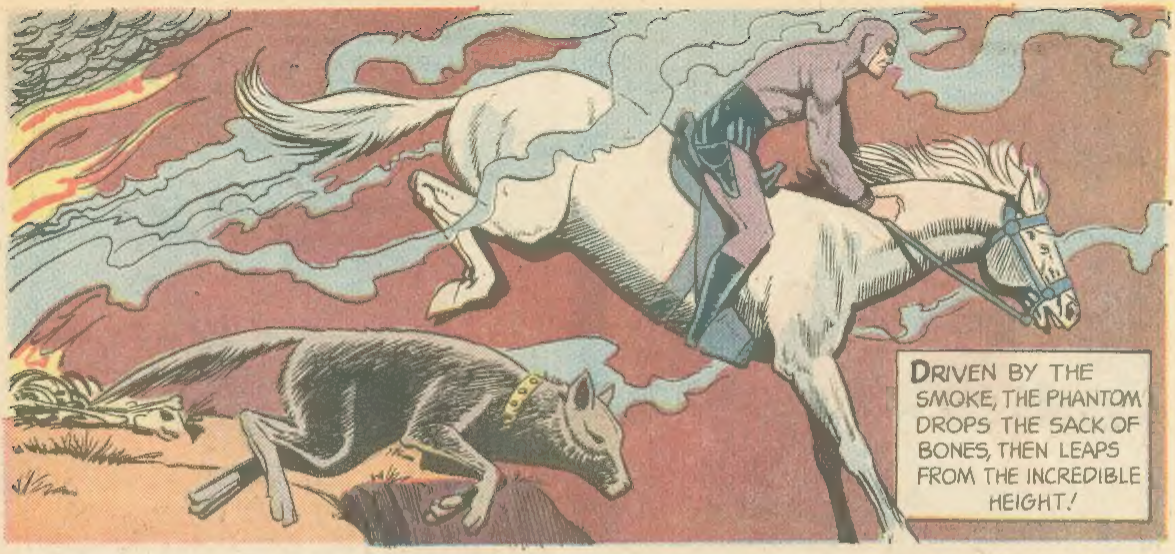
THE PHANTOM'S POWER HAS ENDED!
WAIT! -- TELL ME THAT!
PHAN-TOM!
HE HAS COME!

DO YOUR WORST, OOGOORU! -- I SAY TO ALL THE JUNGLE YOU ARE A FAKE! --- JUST LIKE YOUR WITCHMEN!
DESTROY THE BLASPHEMER! O GREAT OOGOORU!

SUDDENLY, BY A TRICK, THE STONE IDOL SEEMS TO SPIT FIRE WHICH HITS THE OIL-SOAKED GROUND--AND BLAZES!


THE FLAMES PRESS CLOSER--DRIVING THEM TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF AND A ONE-HUNDRED-FOOT DROP!

NOW THE PHANTOM DIES... KILLED BY THE POWER OF OOGOORU!


DRIVEN BY THE SMOKE, THE PHANTOM DROPS THE SACK OF BONES, THEN LEAPS FROM THE INCREDIBLE HEIGHT!

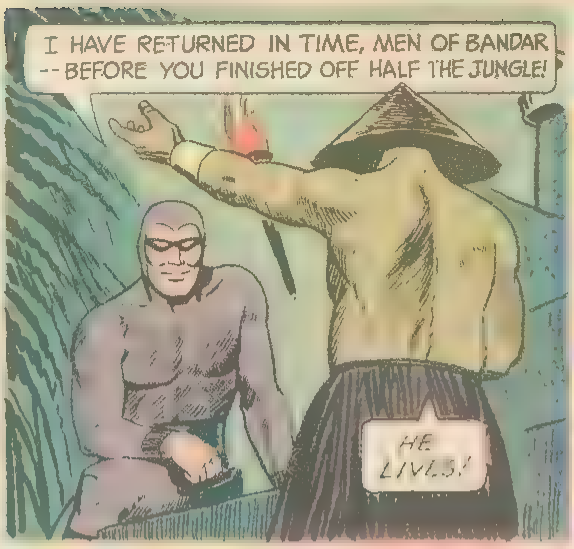
THEY PLUNGE INTO THE LAKE AND SWIM OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE THE SMOKE CLEARS!

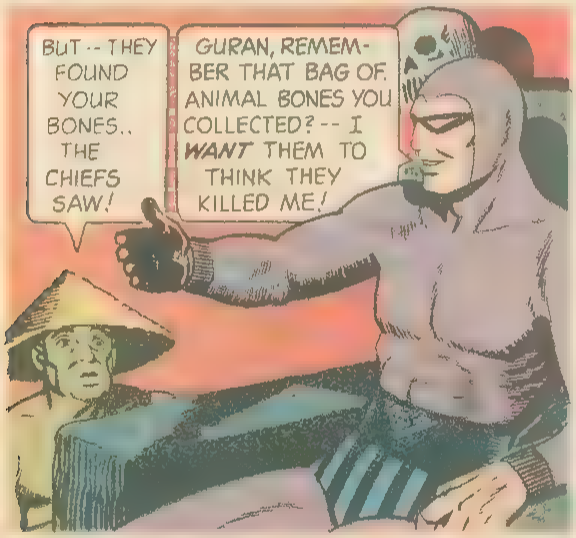
LATER, AS THE FIRE DIES...
HE IS DEAD... AND HIS HORSE... AND HIS DOG!
KILLED BY OOGOORU!
THE BONES OF THE PHANTOM... THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

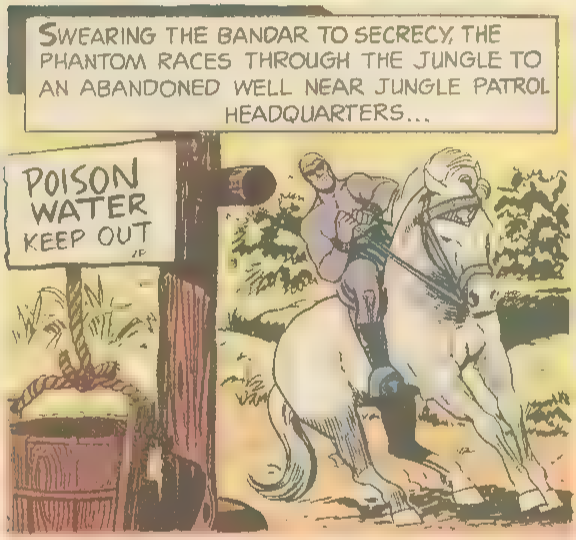
SO WILL ALL DIE WHO OPPOSE OOGOORU!

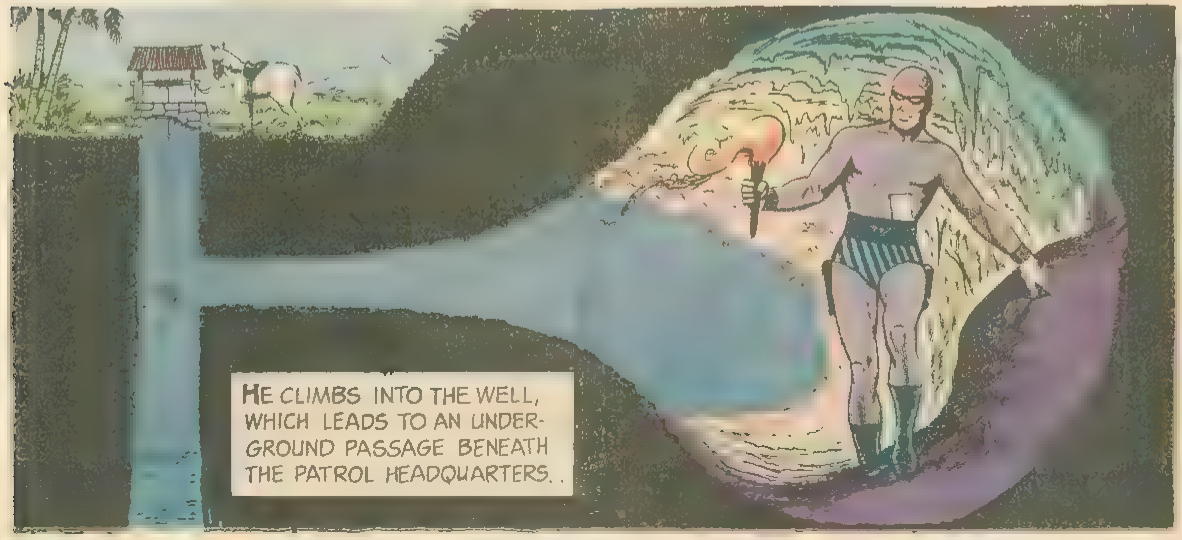
EVEN AS THE JUNGLE CHIEFS LEAVE DOOM PEAK, THE WORD SPREADS THROUGH THE JUNGLE!
OOGOORU KILLS PHANTOM...
PHANTOM DEAD...

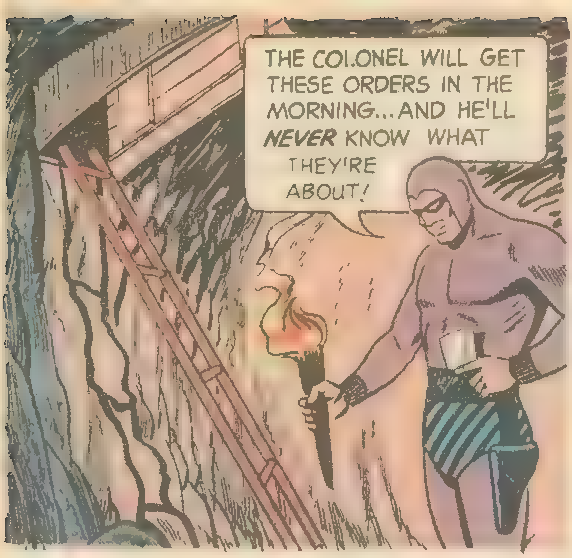
YOU WILL BE AVENGED, O GHOST WHO WALKS!--ALL THE WITCHMEN--ALL THEIR FRIENDS--ALL WHO AID THEM!
THE WORD SPREADS EVERYWHERE!--EVEN TO THE DEEP WOODS AND THE DREADED PYGMY POISON PEOPLE!

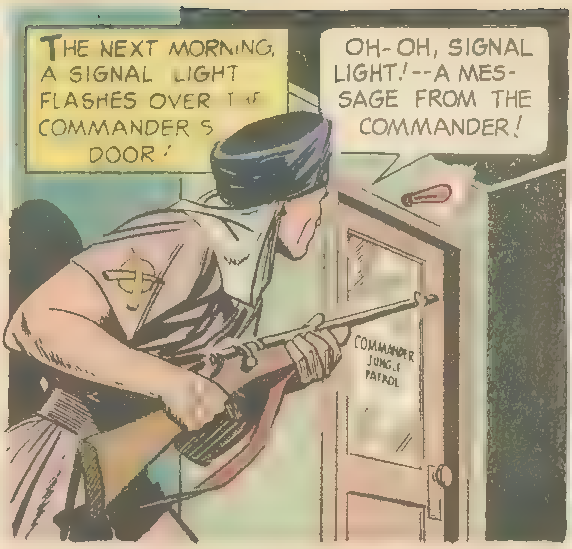

I HAVE RETURNED IN TIME, MEN OF BANDAR --BEFORE YOU FINISHED OFF HALF THE JUNGLE!
HE LIVES!

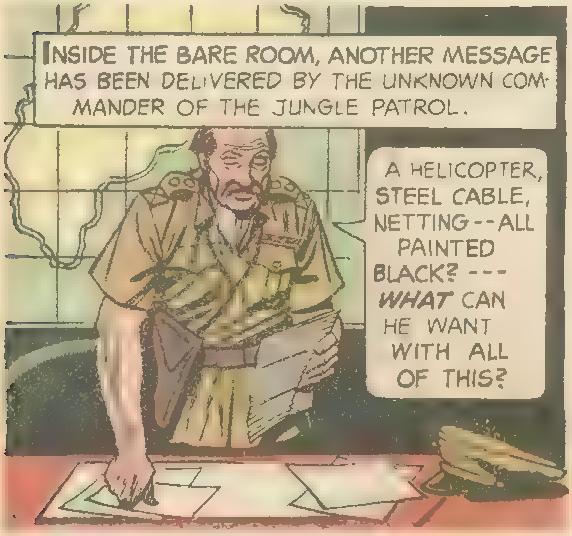

BUT -- THEY FOUND YOUR BONES.. THE CHIEFS SAW!
GURAN, REMEMBER THAT BAG OF ANIMAL BONES YOU COLLECTED? -- I WANT THEM TO THINK THEY KILLED ME!

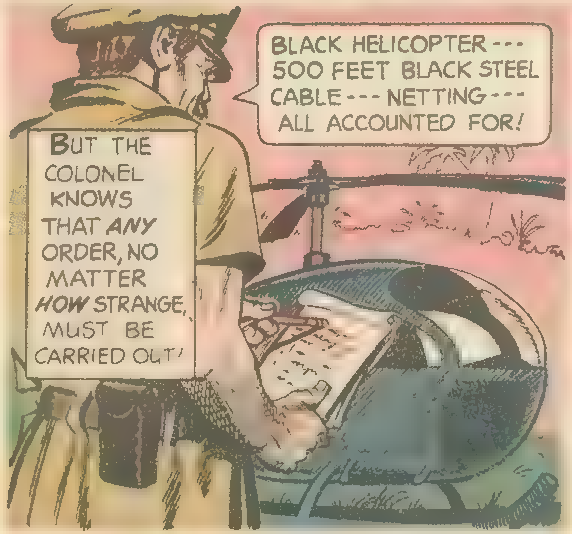

SWEARING THE BANDAR TO SECRECY, THE PHANTOM RACES THROUGH THE JUNGLE TO AN ABANDONED WELL NEAR JUNGLE PATROL HEADQUARTERS...
POISON WATER KEEP OUT

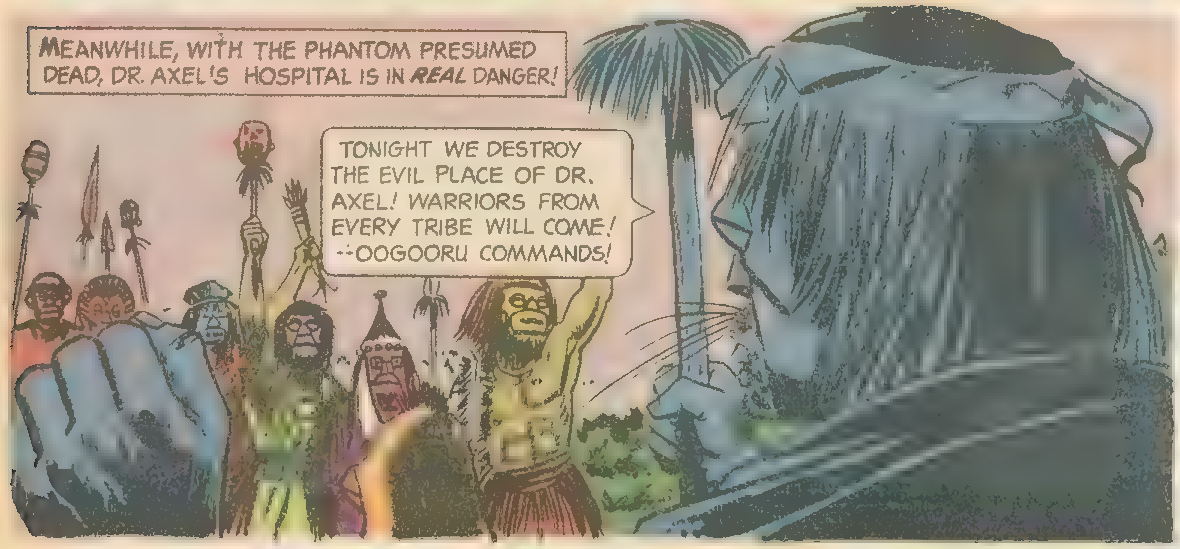

HE CLIMBS INTO THE WELL, WHICH LEADS TO AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE BENEATH THE PATROL HEADQUARTERS..

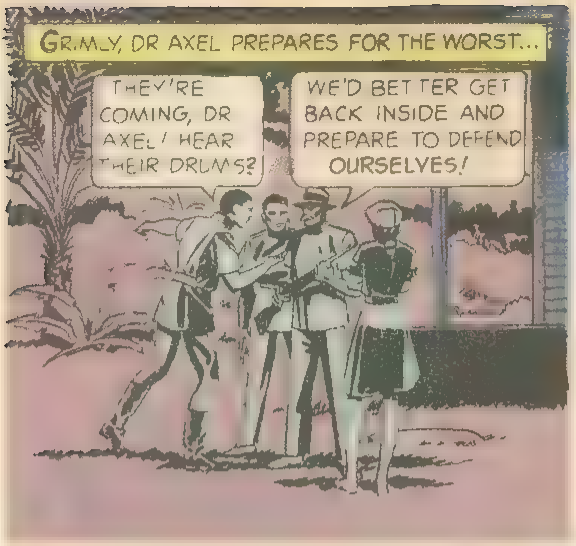

THE COLONEL WILL GET THESE ORDERS IN THE MORNING...AND HE'LL *NEVER* KNOW WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT!

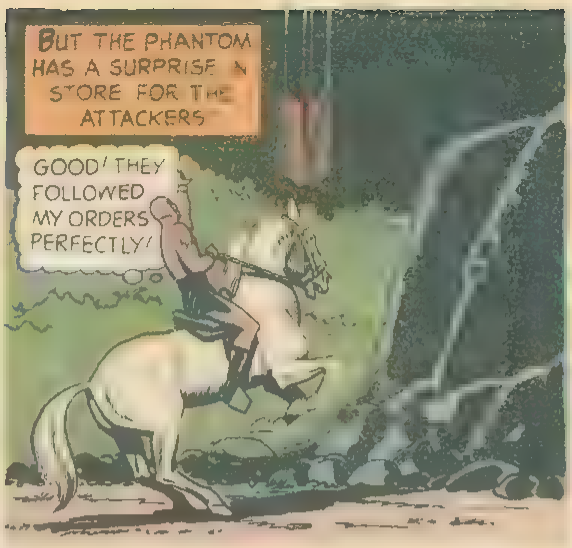

THE NEXT MORNING, A SIGNAL LIGHT FLASHES OVER THE COMMANDER'S DOOR!
OH-OH, SIGNAL LIGHT!--A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER!
COMMANDER JUNGLE PATROL

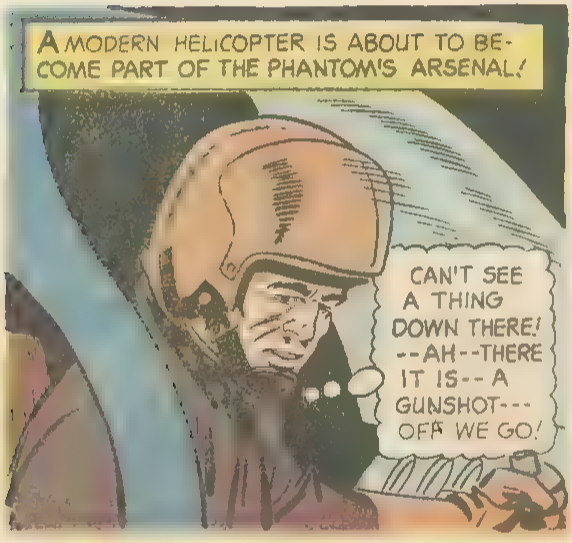

INSIDE THE BARE ROOM, ANOTHER MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED BY THE UNKNOWN COMMANDER OF THE JUNGLE PATROL.
A HELICOPTER, STEEL CABLE, NETTING--ALL PAINTED BLACK? --- *WHAT* CAN HE WANT WITH ALL OF THIS?

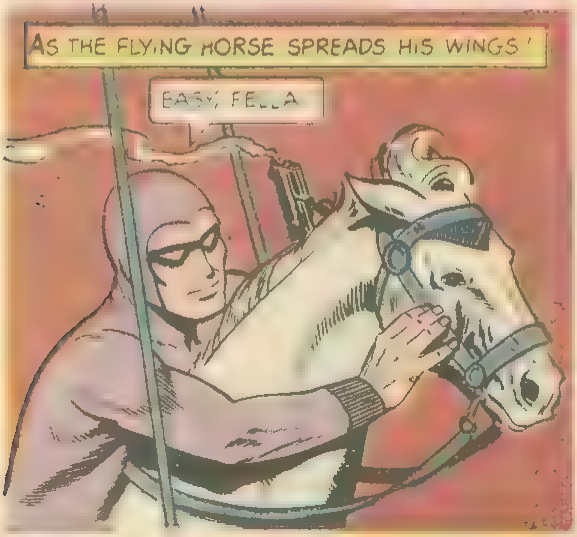

BLACK HELICOPTER --- 500 FEET BLACK STEEL CABLE --- NETTING --- ALL ACCOUNTED FOR!
BUT THE COLONEL KNOWS THAT *ANY* ORDER, NO MATTER *HOW* STRANGE, MUST BE CARRIED OUT!


MEANWHILE, WITH THE PHANTOM PRESUMED DEAD, DR. AXEL'S HOSPITAL IS IN *REAL* DANGER!
TONIGHT WE DESTROY THE EVIL PLACE OF DR. AXEL! WARRIORS FROM EVERY TRIBE WILL COME! --OOGOORU COMMANDS!

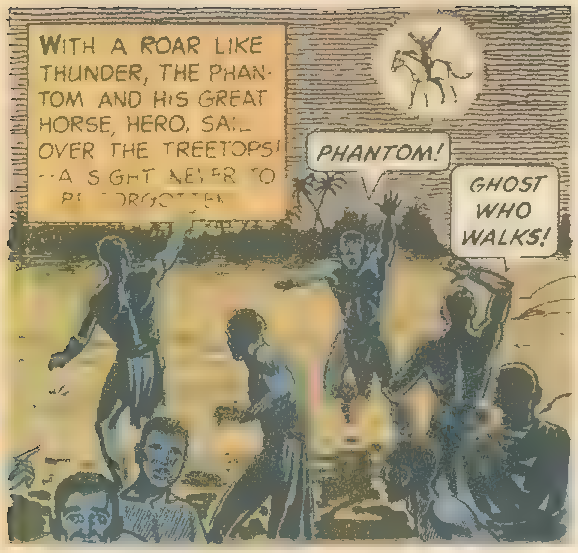

GRIMLY, DR AXEL PREPARES FOR THE WORST...
THEY'RE COMING, DR AXEL! HEAR THEIR DRUMS?
WE'D BETTER GET BACK INSIDE AND PREPARE TO DEFEND OURSELVES!


BUT THE PHANTOM HAS A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR THE ATTACKERS
GOOD! THEY FOLLOWED MY ORDERS PERFECTLY!


A MODERN HELICOPTER IS ABOUT TO BECOME PART OF THE PHANTOM'S ARSENAL!
CAN'T SEE A THING DOWN THERE! --AH--THERE IT IS--A GUNSHOT--- OFF WE GO!

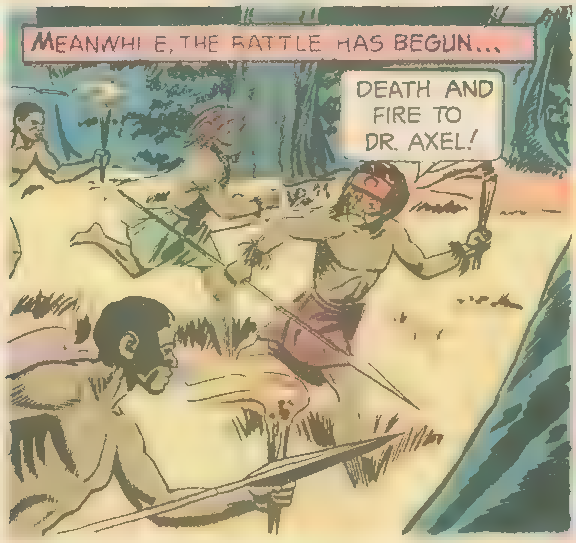

AS THE FLYING HORSE SPREADS HIS WINGS!
EASY, FELLA

TO COMPLETE THE ILLUSION, THE PHANTOM SWITCHES ON A SEARCHLIGHT ABOVE HIM!
NOW--FOR THE WITCHMEN!


WITH A ROAR LIKE THUNDER, THE PHANTOM AND HIS GREAT HORSE, HERO, SAIL OVER THE TREETOPS! --A SIGHT NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN
PHANTOM!
GHOST WHO WALKS!

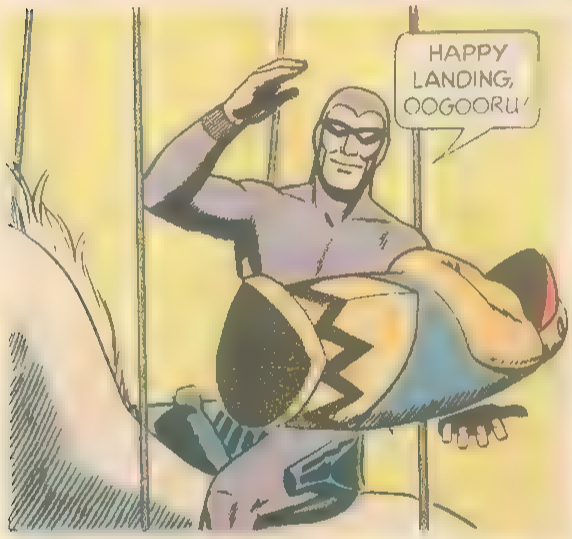
"PAUSE BRIEFLY AT DOOM PEAK-- CONTINUE AT SIGNAL OF GUNSHOT" THERE'S THE PEAK!

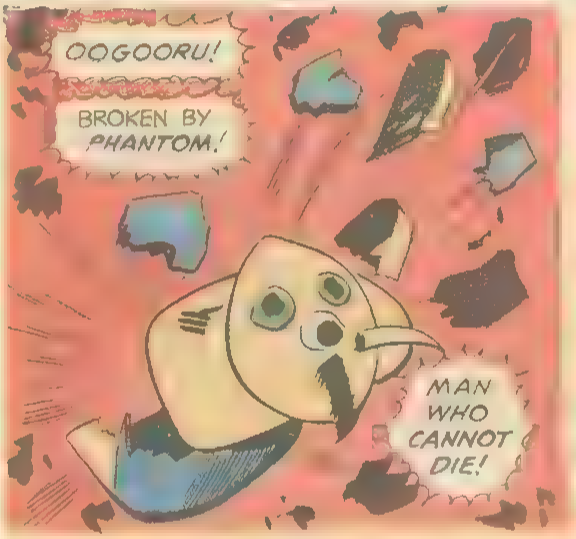
WE'VE COME FOR YOU, OOGOORU! --NOW ON TO DR. AXEL---AND THE WITCHMEN!

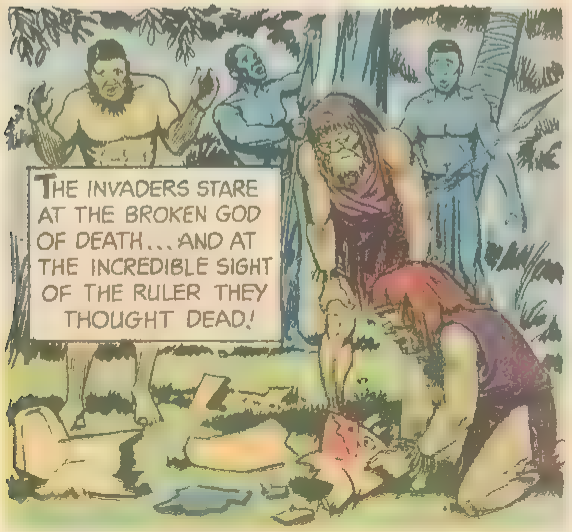

MEANWHILE, THE BATTLE HAS BEGUN...
DEATH AND FIRE TO DR. AXEL!

--AND THE SAME TO YOU!

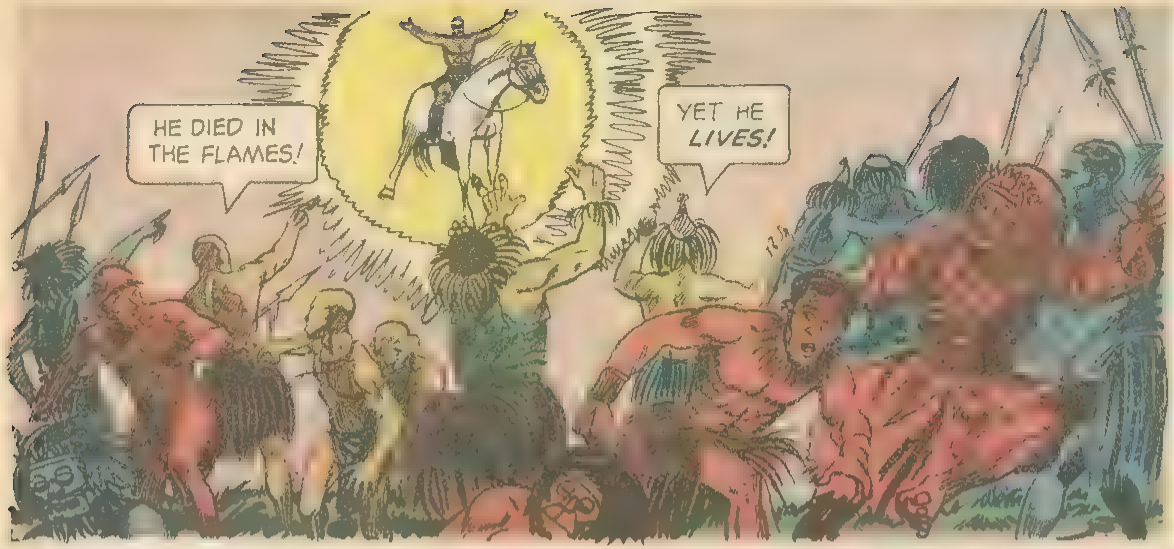
SUDDENLY, THE BATTLE STOPS...
PHAN-TOM!
GHOST WHO WALKS!
RETURNED FROM THE DEAD

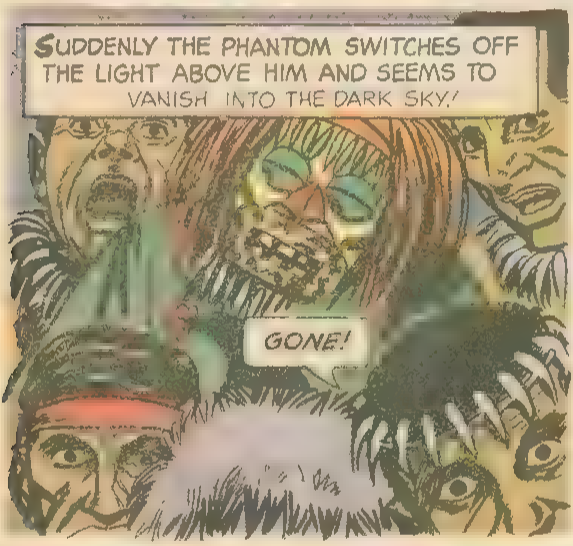

HAPPY LANDING, OOGOORU!

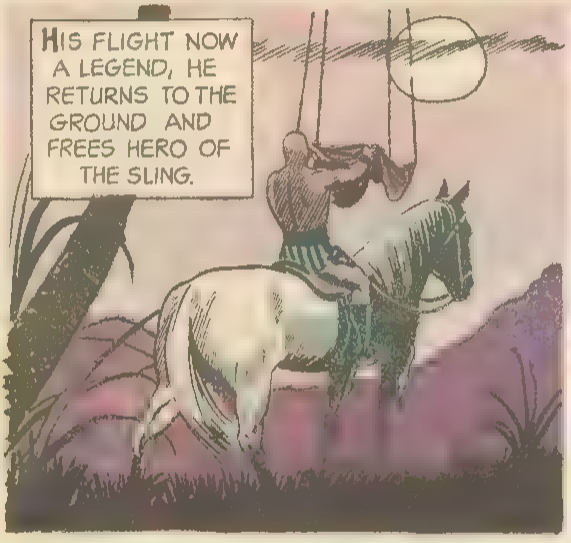

OOGOORU!
BROKEN BY PHANTOM!
MAN WHO CANNOT DIE!


THE INVADERS STARE AT THE BROKEN GOD OF DEATH... AND AT THE INCREDIBLE SIGHT OF THE RULER THEY THOUGHT DEAD!

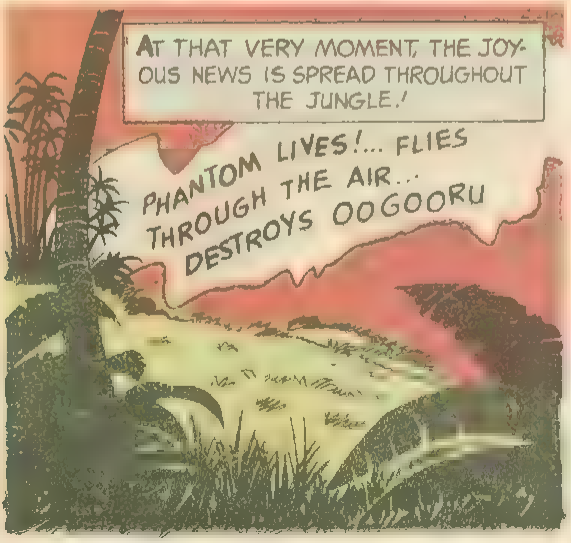
THEY'RE RUNNING! --THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY
OH, DR AXEL, WHAT WILL WE DO NOW?
PUT OUT THAT FIRE ON THE ROOF!


HE DIED IN THE FLAMES!
YET HE LIVES!


SUDDENLY THE PHANTOM SWITCHES OFF THE LIGHT ABOVE HIM AND SEEMS TO VANISH INTO THE DARK SKY!
GONE!


HIS FLIGHT NOW A LEGEND, HE RETURNS TO THE GROUND AND FREES HERO OF THE SLING.

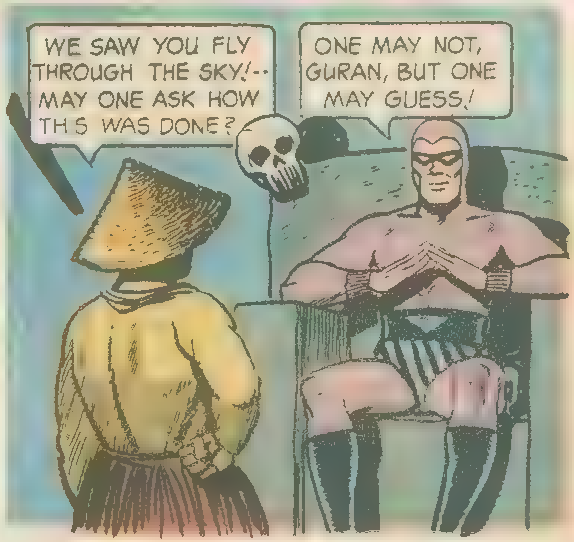
THEN HE FIRES A SIGNAL SHOT TO SEND THE HELICOPTER BACK TO CIVILIZATION!

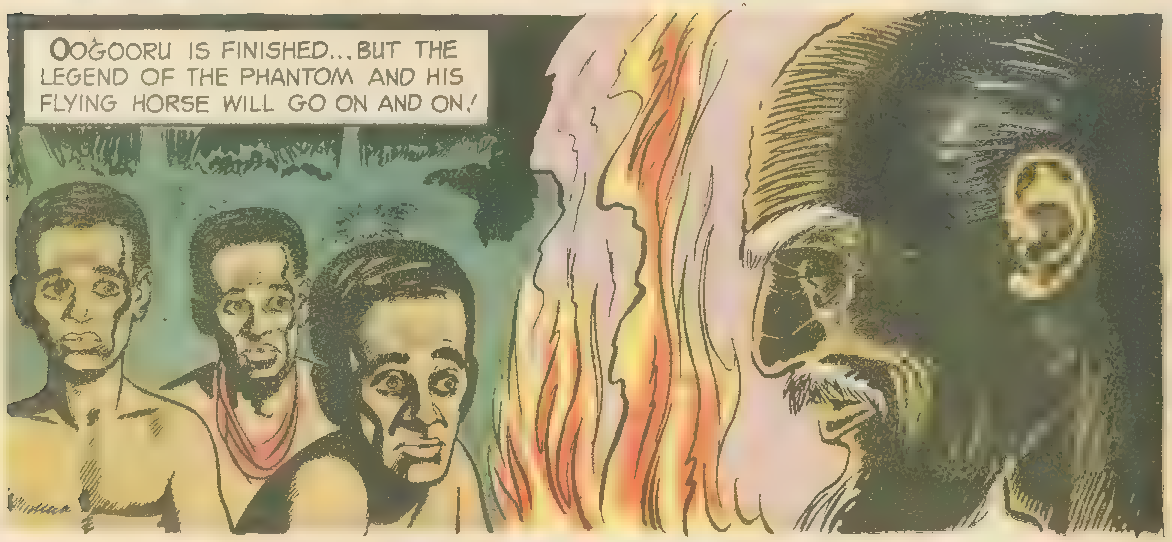

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE JOYOUS NEWS IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE JUNGLE!
PHANTOM LIVES!... FLIES THROUGH THE AIR... DESTROYS OOGOORU

...AND THE WITCHMEN ARE ON THE RUN AS THE JUNGLE FOLK TURN ON THEM FURIOUSLY!

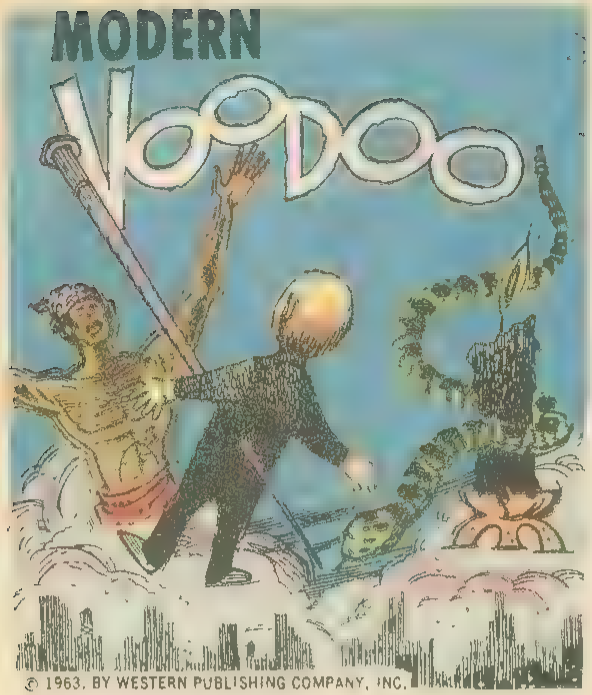
WE HAVEN'T DECIDED YOUR PUNISHMENT YET!--WE CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BAD ENOUGH!
--BUT WE WILL!

--HIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, THE PHANTOM RETURNS TO HIS HOME IN THE DEEP WOODS!
THE WITCHMEN AND OOGOORU ARE FINISHED!
WE HAVE HEARD!


WE SAW YOU FLY THROUGH THE SKY!--MAY ONE ASK HOW THIS WAS DONE?
ONE MAY NOT, GURAN, BUT ONE MAY GUESS!


OOGOORU IS FINISHED...BUT THE LEGEND OF THE PHANTOM AND HIS FLYING HORSE WILL GO ON AND ON!

MODERN VOODOO



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For many people the very word "voodoo" sends an icy chill down the spine! The word brings visions of secret rites, evil incantations, charms and spells; of curses which wither healthy men into stumbling zombies.

Voodoo or voudon began as a fetish-worshiping religion in West Africa. In the seventeenth century the practice of voodoo was brought to the French colony of Haiti by West African slaves. Here on the jungle island, the slaves used it as a form of sorcery and magic. They considered voodoo especially effective when seeking revenge for the brutality of the slave-owners.

When a cruel master or overseer discovered that someone was putting a "hex" on him, his morale crumbled. A scientist would tell you that it was fear of the unknown which turned the hex victim into a tottering wreck and eventually killed him. But the voodooist will smile to himself at such foolish theorizing. For he knows well the power of black magic.

Alarmed by the rise of a rebellious spirit among the slaves, the French tried to wipe out the practice of magic. But they failed. Voodooism spread throughout the Caribbean and then northward into the United States.

Most people think of this weird superstition as something practiced only in distant lands such as Africa, or the jungle islands of the Caribbean. Actually voodoo is being practiced in America's most modern cities. A patient search through the slums of any metropolis will reveal dozens of stores catering to the voodoo trade. These are musty little shops whose customers are furtive little people, who slip in through the door, buy some strange vial and then vanish into the night.

Do you fear a mortal enemy? Voodoo shops will sell you a "hex candle" made of black wax. For extra effect this is inscribed with a curse and a prayer of hate. Merely lighting the candle will bring death to your foe.

To the voodooist, candles are powerful magic. Some are designed to bring luck in love. Some to bring good fortune in gambling. For the man who suspects that someone is trying to destroy him with the power of a hex candle, the voodoo merchant suggests a bottle of "Jinx remover." As a matter of fact the modern voodooist can even buy "Jinx remover" in an "aerosol" spray can!

There are voodoo shops that specialize in incense . . . perfumes that bring the user control over the "dark powers." The e is even an incense that can help the voodooist attract money like a magnet.

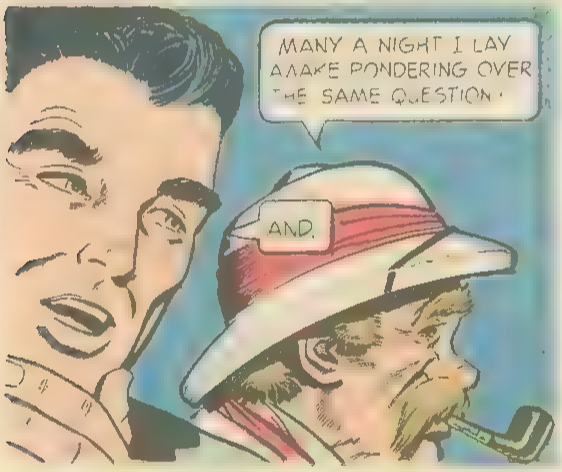
For the do-it-yourself practitioner, the shops have an ample supply of graveyard dust, rattlesnake blood and dried bats. With these, the enterprising magician can mix his own potion.

Of course we all know that belief in magic is a thing of the past. But is it? Then why do some people still cross their fingers when threatened by misfortune? Why do some avoid black cats, or toss salt over their shoulders?

Does Voodoo really work, some people ask? Of course not! But in spite of all the scientific advances of the past century, there are still many people who believe it does. —And wherever there are believers, there are others ready to make a fast profit from the working tools of superstition.

KING, QUEEN and JACK
ALL THAT GLITTERS
TREASURE MAP! LET'S SEE IT!

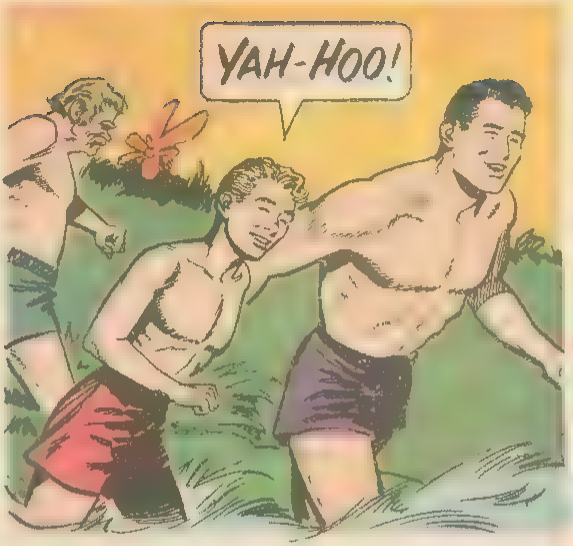
I TOOK IT IN A WEAK MOMENT FROM A CHAP IN PAYMENT FOR $1,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES.
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S GENUINE, DO YOU, KING?

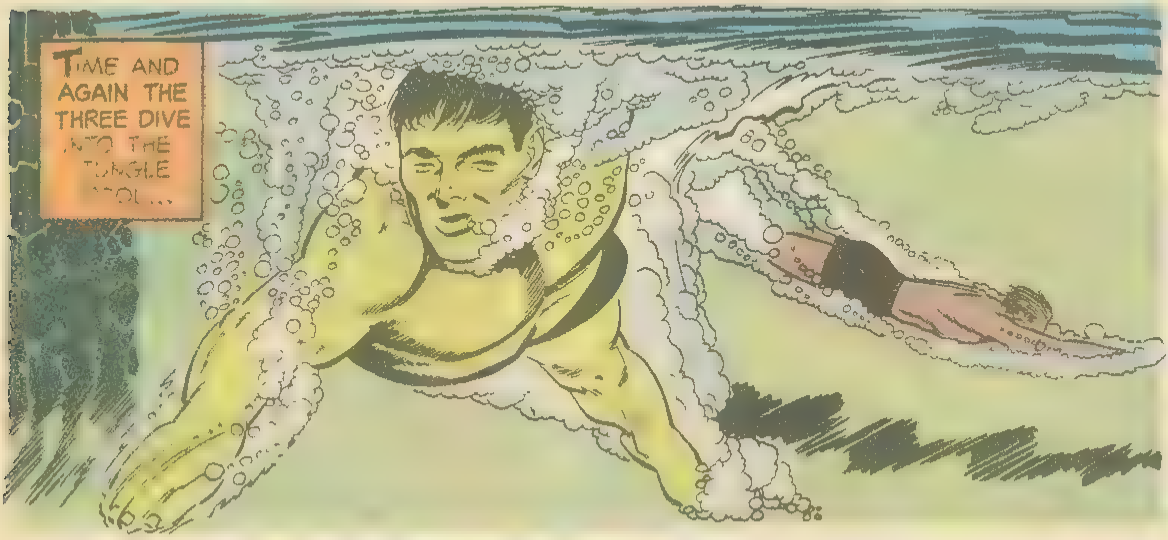

MANY A NIGHT I LAY AWAKE PONDERING OVER THE SAME QUESTION.
AND

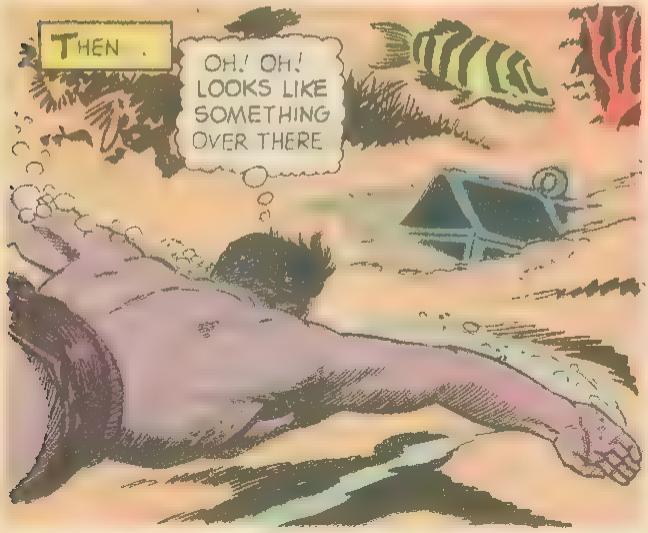
I HAD THE BOYS PREPARE SUPPLIES FOR THREE WEEKS. IF YOU'LL JOIN ME, WE CAN LEAVE AT DAYBREAK.
WHAT CAN WE LOSE?
YIPP-PEEE!

FOR FIVE DAYS THE PARTY TRAVELS THROUGH THE TROPICAL BEAUTY OF THE JUNGLE...
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE...WATERFALL AND ALL!
OUR TREASURE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT POOL, I'LL WAGER!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING SWIMMING.

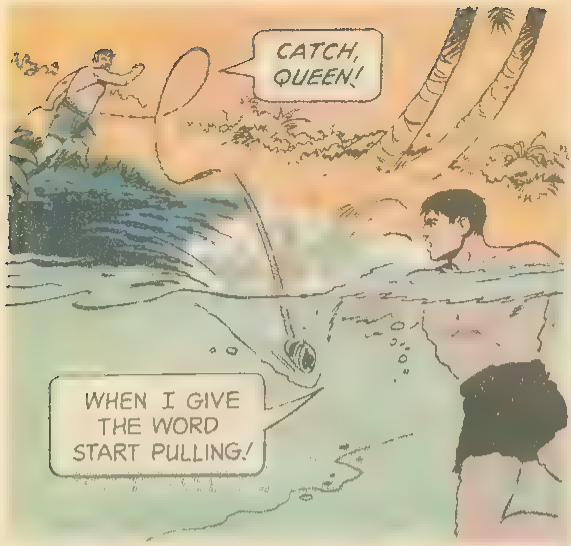
LAST ONE IN GETS LEFTOVERS FOR DINNER TONIGHT!

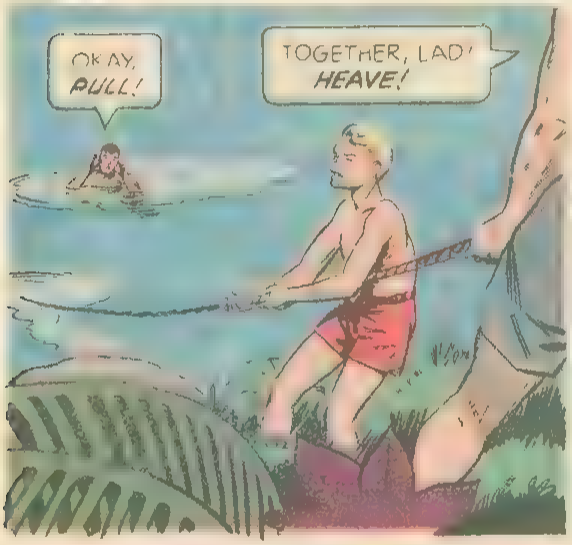

YAH-HOO!


TIME AND AGAIN THE THREE DIVE INTO THE JUNGLE POOL...

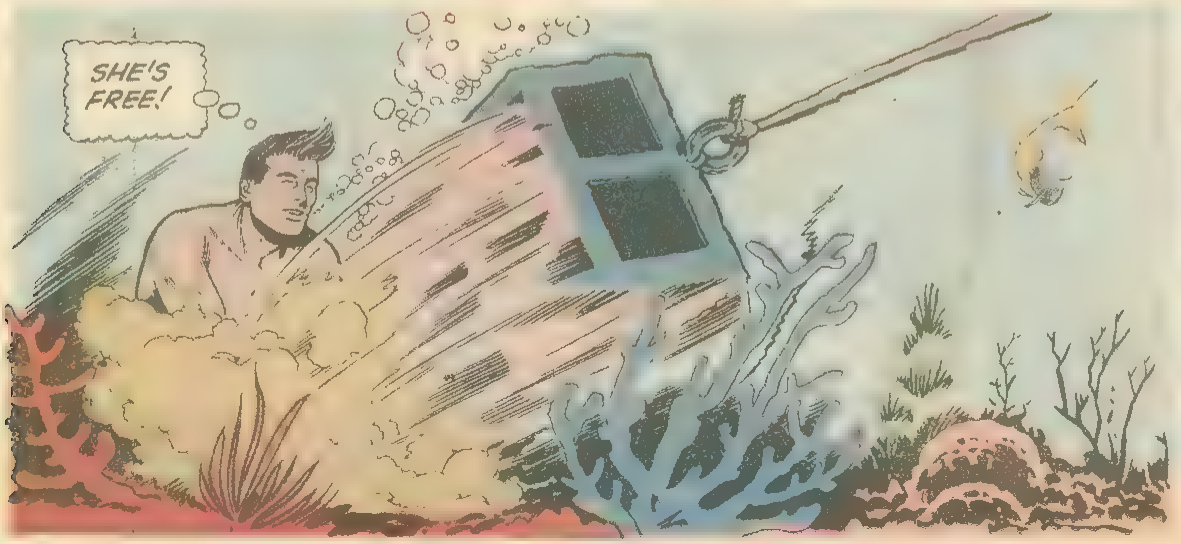

THEN .
OH! OH! LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OVER THERE

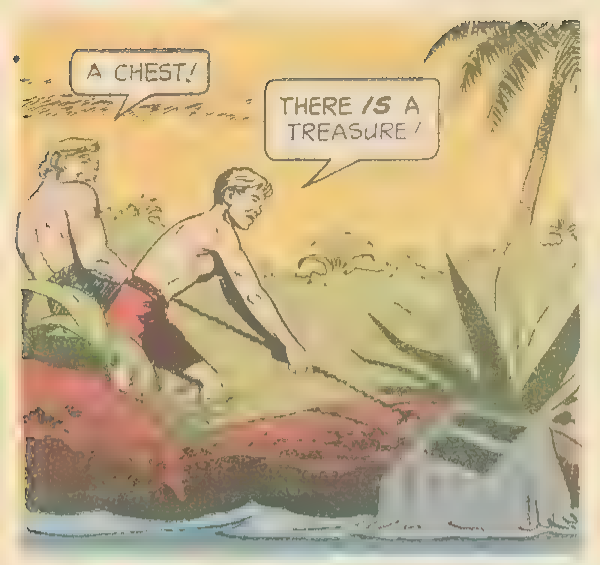
I FOUND IT! I FOUND THE TREASURE! GET A ROPE QUICK!
I'M ON MY WAY!


CATCH, QUEEN!
WHEN I GIVE THE WORD START PULLING!

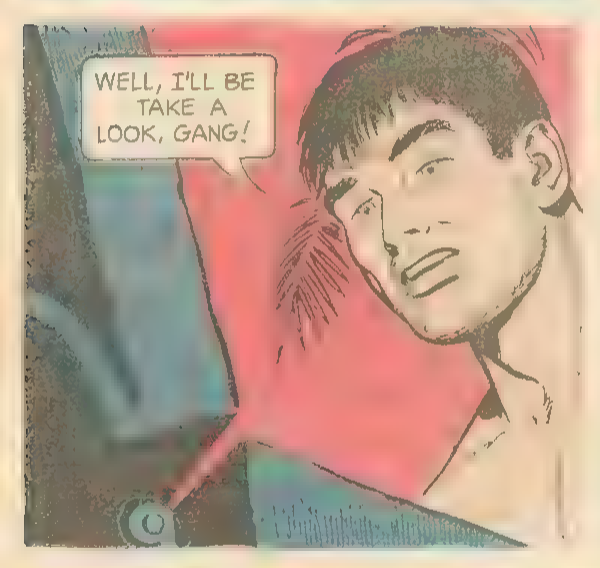

OKAY, PULL!
TOGETHER, LAD! HEAVE!

IT MOVED A LITTLE THAT TIME!


SHE'S FREE!


A CHEST!
THERE IS A TREASURE!

ONE MORE BLOW OUGHT TO DO IT!


WELL, I'LL BE TAKE A LOOK, GANG!

TREASURE
SEE WHAT

HAH-HAH! IT SAYS JUST ONE WORD SUCKER! HA-HAH!
OH, NO! I'VE BEEN TAKEN THAT PHONY TREASURE MAP COST ME $1,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES!
HAH HAH YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRUST STRANGERS, KING! HA-HAH!
FOLLOW KING QUEEN AND JACK IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PHANTOM.

THE PHANTOM

THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES

LAUGHTER AND GAIETY ARE ABOARD AS THE CRUISE SHIP ORION STEAMS THROUGH TROPICAL WATERS! --- BUT THE GAIETY IS ABOUT TO STOP.

THAT SAME NIGHT, AS 1500 PASSENGERS SLEEP SOUNDLY, THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES STRIKE!

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS-- IT'S *PIRACY!*

SWIFTLY AND QUIETLY, THE PIRATES MOVE THROUGH THE CABINS...

HOW *DARE* YOU COME IN HERE---

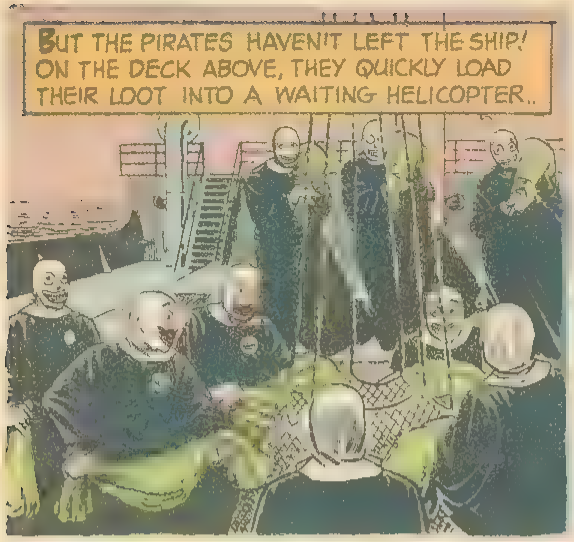
QUIET! BOTH OF YOU!

NOT EVEN THE CREW IS SAFE AS THEY COVER THE SHIP LIKE A SWARM OF LOCUSTS

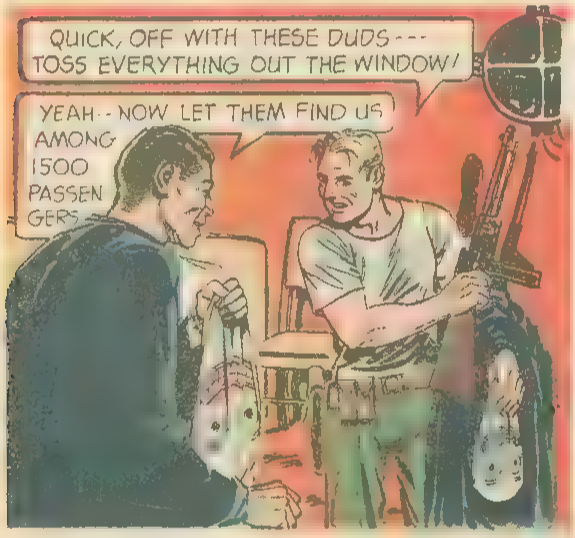
COME ON, MOVE *FAST!*--WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!

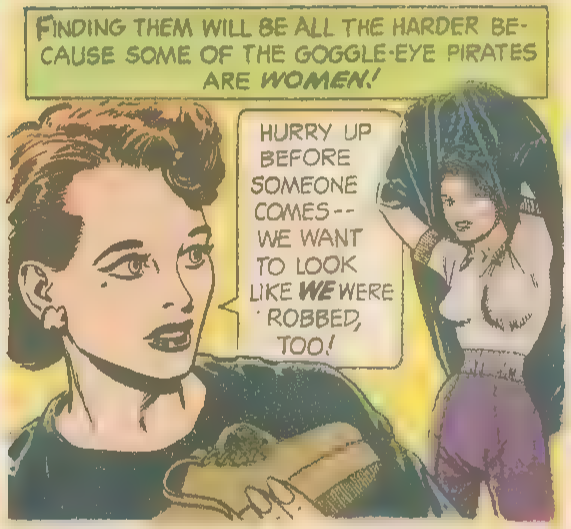
THEN, AS SUDDENLY AS IT BEGAN, THE RAID IS OVER! PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE LOCKED IN THEIR QUARTERS!

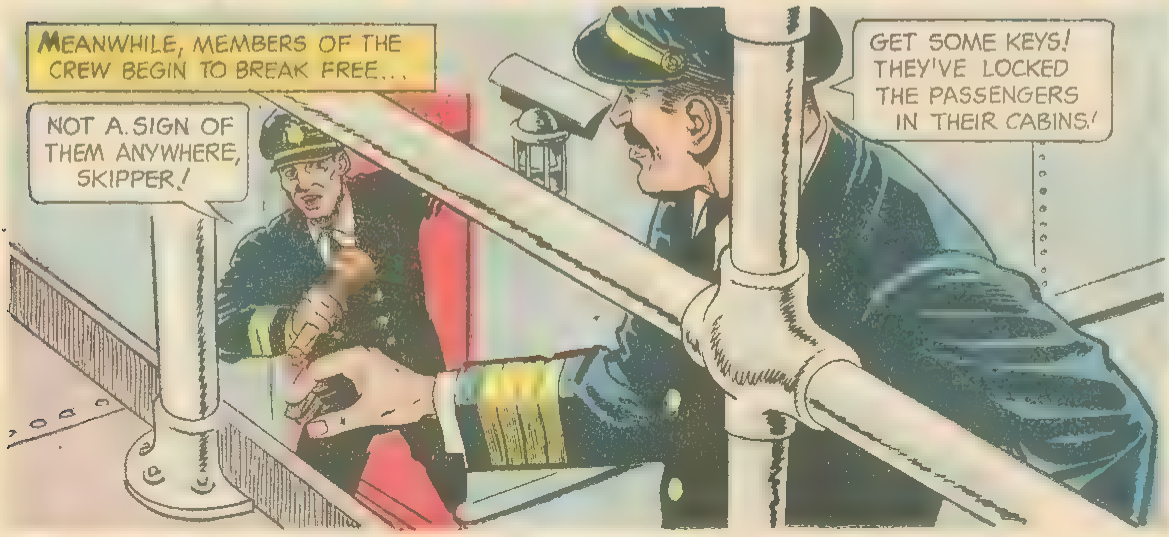
NOT A SOUND! THEY'RE GONE! AND WITH US LOCKED BEHIND STEEL DOORS!

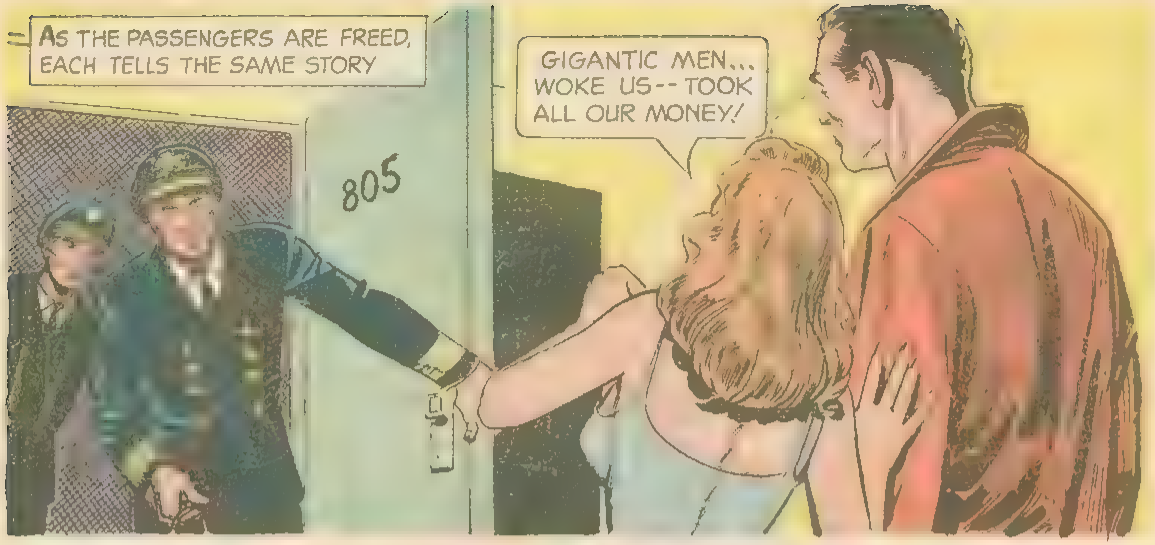

BUT THE PIRATES HAVEN'T LEFT THE SHIP! ON THE DECK ABOVE, THEY QUICKLY LOAD THEIR LOOT INTO A WAITING HELICOPTER..

---AND AS THE HELICOPTER LEAVES, THEY HURRIEDLY DISAPPEAR INTO PASSENGER CABINS ALL OVER THE SHIP!


QUICK, OFF WITH THESE DUDS--- TOSS EVERYTHING OUT THE WINDOW!
YEAH--NOW LET THEM FIND US AMONG 1500 PASSENGERS


FINDING THEM WILL BE ALL THE HARDER BECAUSE SOME OF THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES ARE WOMEN!
HURRY UP BEFORE SOMEONE COMES--WE WANT TO LOOK LIKE WE WERE ROBBED, TOO!


MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE CREW BEGIN TO BREAK FREE...
NOT A SIGN OF THEM ANYWHERE, SKIPPER!
GET SOME KEYS! THEY'VE LOCKED THE PASSENGERS IN THEIR CABINS!


AS THE PASSENGERS ARE FREED, EACH TELLS THE SAME STORY
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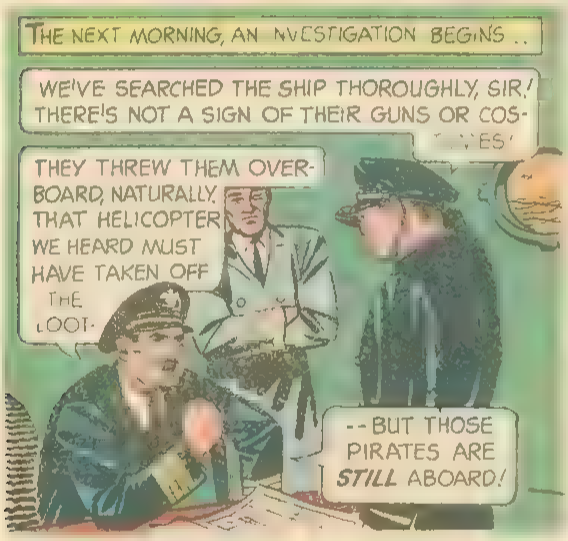
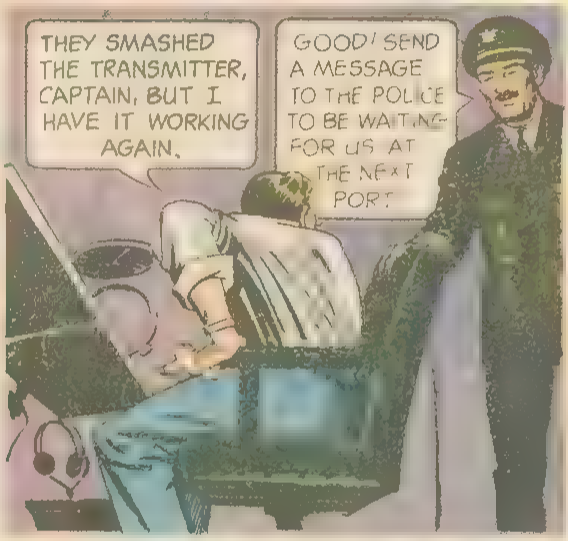
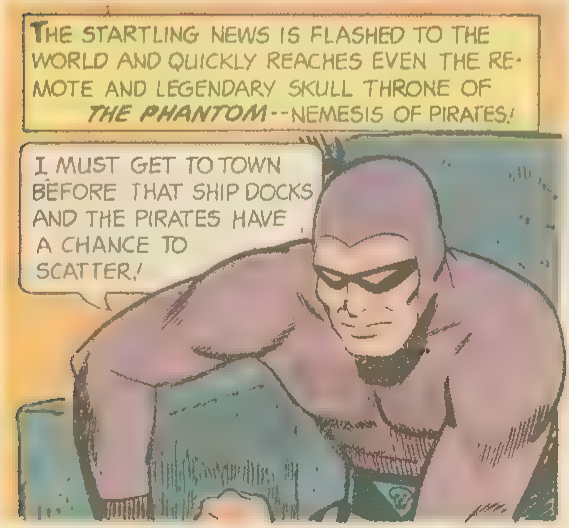
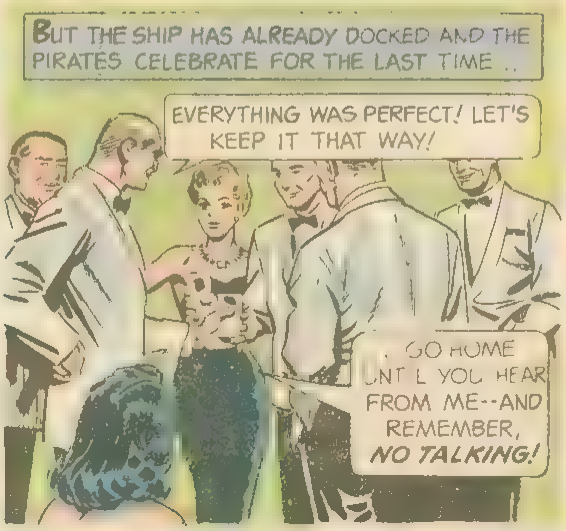
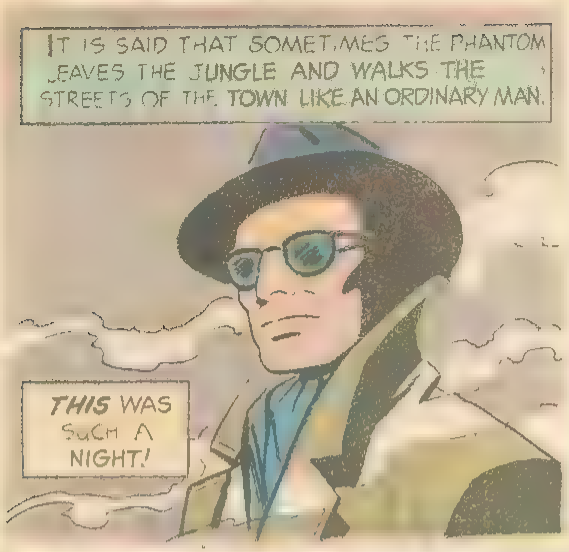
GIGANTIC MEN... WOKE US -- TOOK ALL OUR MONEY!

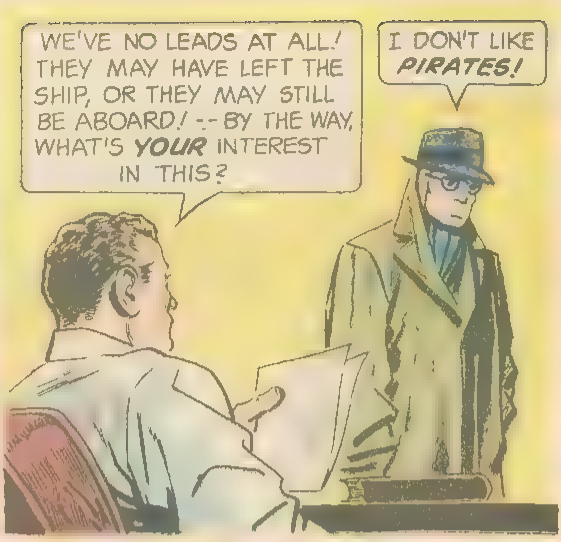

THE NEXT MORNING, AN INVESTIGATION BEGINS ..
WE'VE SEARCHED THE SHIP THOROUGHLY, SIR! THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF THEIR GUNS OR COSTUMES!
THEY THREW THEM OVERBOARD, NATURALLY. THAT HELICOPTER WE HEARD MUST HAVE TAKEN OFF THE LOOT.
-- BUT THOSE PIRATES ARE STILL ABOARD!

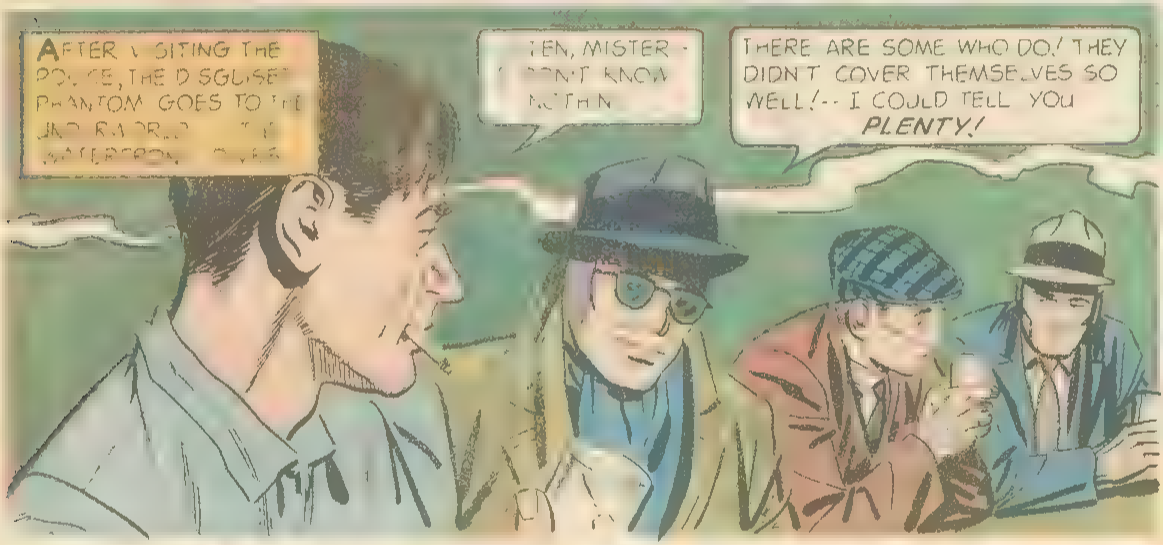

THEY SMASHED THE TRANSMITTER, CAPTAIN, BUT I HAVE IT WORKING AGAIN.
GOOD! SEND A MESSAGE TO THE POLICE TO BE WAITING FOR US AT THE NEXT PORT.

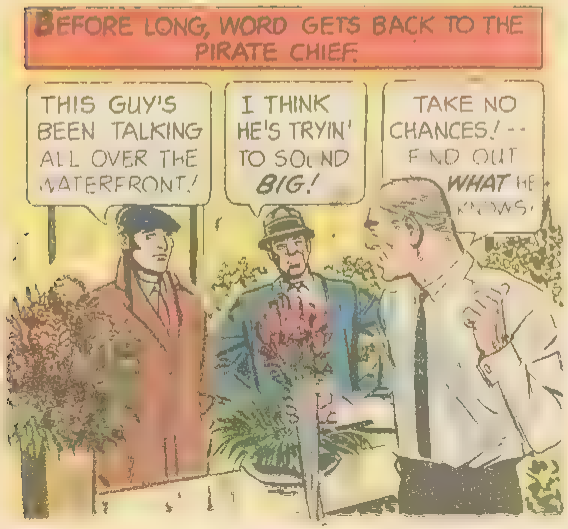

THE STARTLING NEWS IS FLASHED TO THE WORLD AND QUICKLY REACHES EVEN THE REMOTE AND LEGENDARY SKULL THRONE OF THE PHANTOM -- NEMESIS OF PIRATES!
I MUST GET TO TOWN BEFORE THAT SHIP DOCKS AND THE PIRATES HAVE A CHANCE TO SCATTER!

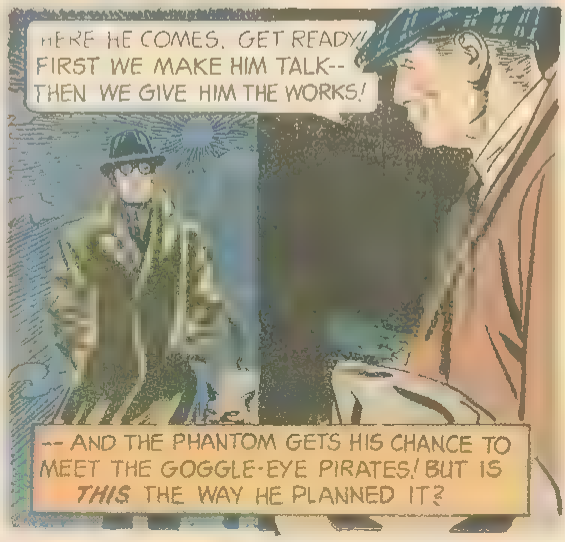

BUT THE SHIP HAS ALREADY DOCKED AND THE PIRATES CELEBRATE FOR THE LAST TIME ..
EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT! LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!
GO HOME UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM ME -- AND REMEMBER, NO TALKING!


IT IS SAID THAT SOMETIMES THE PHANTOM LEAVES THE JUNGLE AND WALKS THE STREETS OF THE TOWN LIKE AN ORDINARY MAN.
THIS WAS SUCH A NIGHT!


WE'VE NO LEADS AT ALL! THEY MAY HAVE LEFT THE SHIP, OR THEY MAY STILL BE ABOARD! -- BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST IN THIS?
I DON'T LIKE PIRATES!

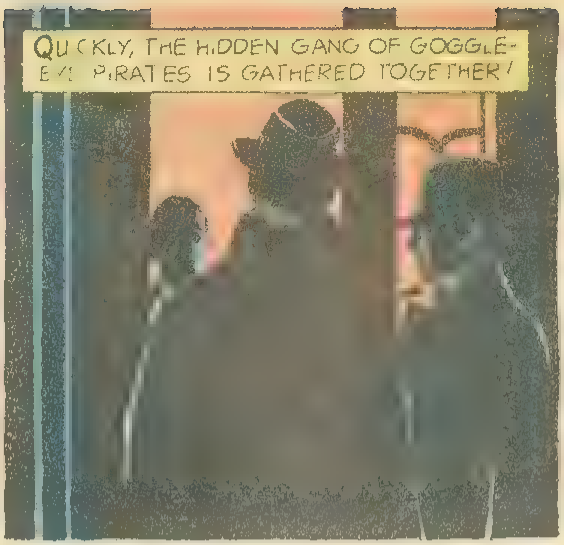

AFTER VISITING THE POLICE, THE DISGUISED PHANTOM GOES TO THE UNDERWORLD
THERE ARE SOME WHO DO! THEY DIDN'T COVER THEMSELVES SO WELL! -- I COULD TELL YOU PLENTY!

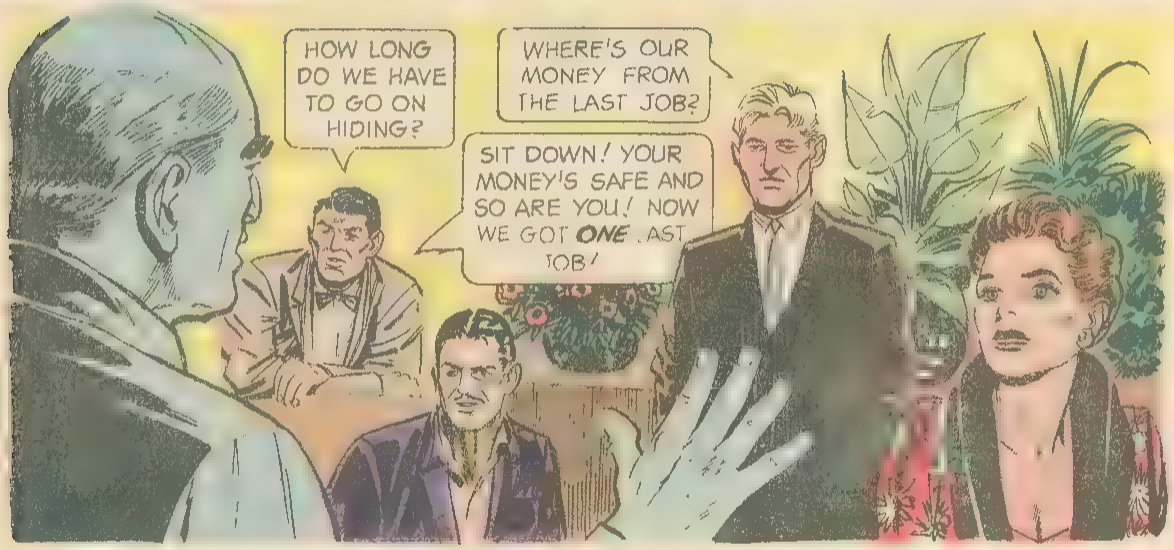

BEFORE LONG, WORD GETS BACK TO THE PIRATE CHIEF.
THIS GUY'S BEEN TALKING ALL OVER THE WATERFRONT!
I THINK HE'S TRYIN' TO SOUND BIG!
TAKE NO CHANCES! -- FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS!


HERE HE COMES. GET READY! FIRST WE MAKE HIM TALK -- THEN WE GIVE HIM THE WORKS!
-- AND THE PHANTOM GETS HIS CHANCE TO MEET THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES! BUT IS THIS THE WAY HE PLANNED IT?

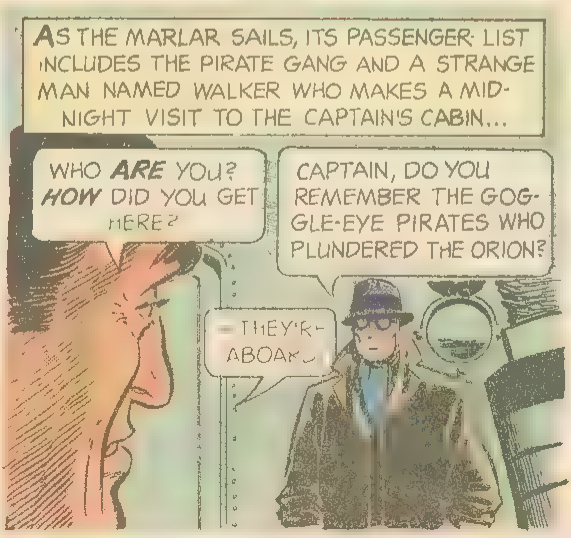
HEY, YOU! -- WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT SHIP HEIST?
YEAH! YOU BEEN BLOWING AROUND TOWN THAT YOU KNOW A LOT!
I KNOW ENOUGH TO WANT TO JOIN YOUR GANG! SOUNDS LUCRATIVE
US
UH!
HEY! -- WHAT DID HE HIT US WITH?
I THINK HE HAD A SLEDGE HAMMER!
HE DIDN'T KNOW NOTHIN' -- WANTED TO JOIN US --
-- CAUGHT US BY SURPRISE!
TWO GUYS WITH GUNS -- AND HE TAKES YOU BAREHANDED? MAYBE WE OUGHT TO SIGN HIM UP
HE WAS PROBABLY A STOOLIE TRYIN' TO -- HEY! WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR JAWS? -- LOOKS LIKE A SKULL MARK!

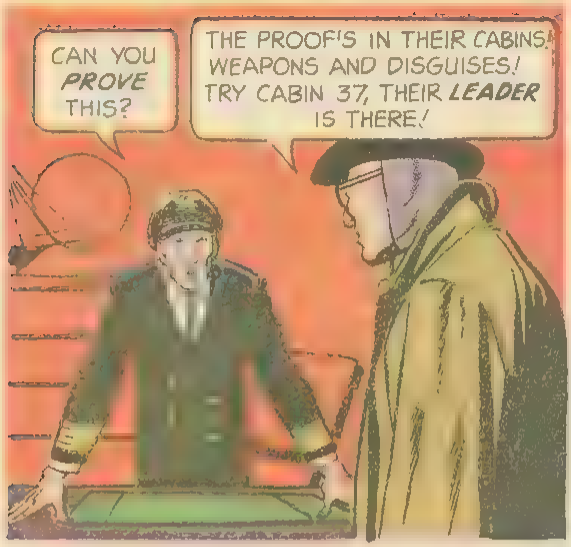
SKULL MARK? - NOW WHERE DID I -- AW, FORGET IT! WE GOT WORK! ROUND UP THE WHOLE GANG!

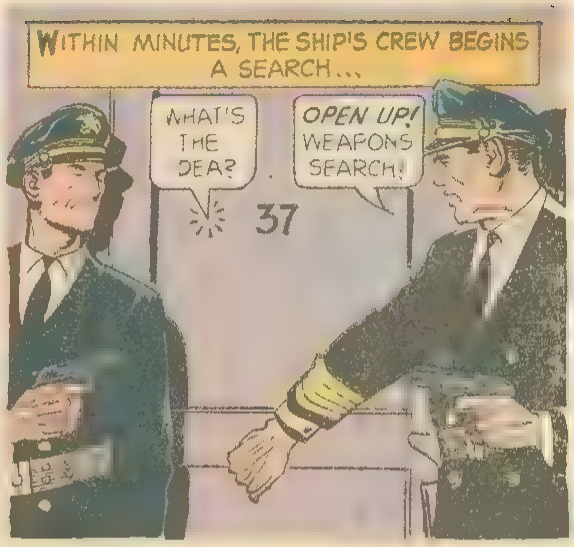

QUICKLY, THE HIDDEN GANG OF GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES IS GATHERED TOGETHER!


HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO GO ON HIDING?
WHERE'S OUR MONEY FROM THE LAST JOB?
SIT DOWN! YOUR MONEY'S SAFE AND SO ARE YOU! NOW WE GOT ONE LAST JOB!

BUT THIS MEETING IS NOT AS SECRET AS THEY THINK!
SS MARLAR SAILS TOMORROW! IT'S GOOD FOR 300 GRAND EACH!


AS THE MARLAR SAILS, ITS PASSENGER LIST INCLUDES THE PIRATE GANG AND A STRANGE MAN NAMED WALKER WHO MAKES A MIDNIGHT VISIT TO THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...
WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
CAPTAIN, DO YOU REMEMBER THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES WHO PLUNDERED THE ORION?
THEY'RE ABOARD!


CAN YOU *PROVE* THIS?
THE PROOF'S IN THEIR CABINS! WEAPONS AND DISGUISES! TRY CABIN 37, THEIR *LEADER* IS THERE!


WITHIN MINUTES, THE SHIP'S CREW BEGINS A SEARCH...
WHAT'S THE IDEA?
OPEN UP! WEAPONS SEARCH!
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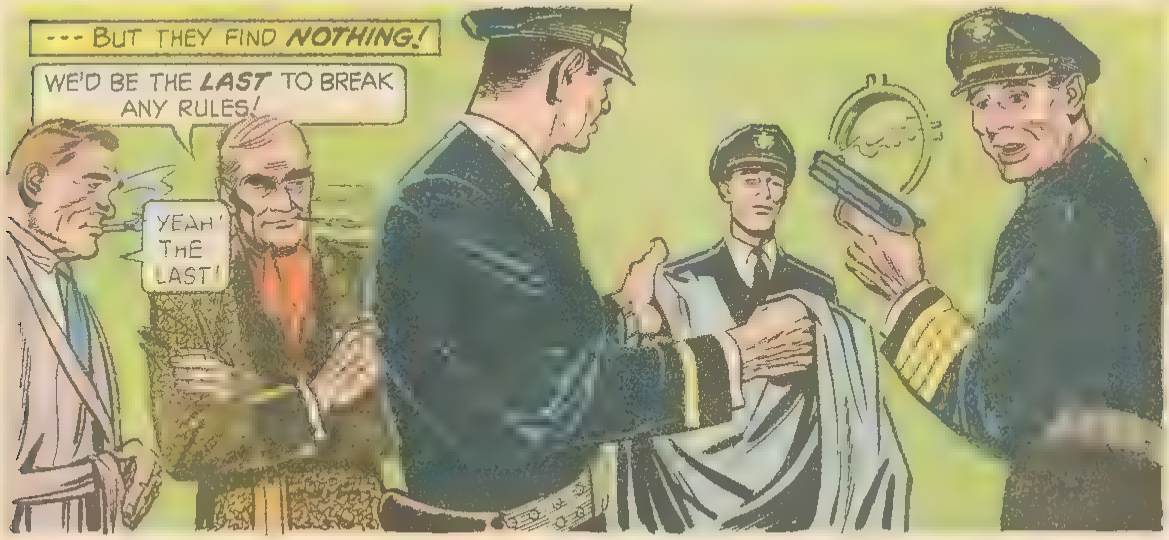
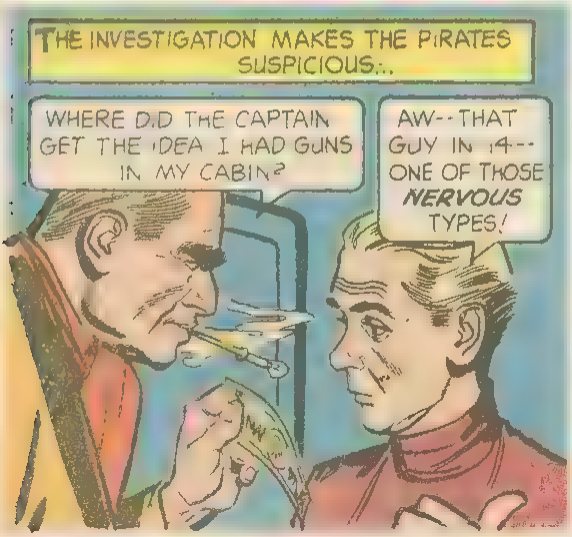

---BUT THEY FIND *NOTHING!*
WE'D BE THE *LAST* TO BREAK ANY RULES!
YEAH! THE LAST!


THE INVESTIGATION MAKES THE PIRATES SUSPICIOUS...
WHERE DID THE CAPTAIN GET THE IDEA I HAD GUNS IN MY CABIN?
AW--THAT GUY IN 14--ONE OF THOSE *NERVOUS* TYPES!

---AND LEADS THEM RIGHT TO THE PHANTOM.
WELL...WHAT KIND OF A NUTTY GUY DO WE HAVE *HERE?*
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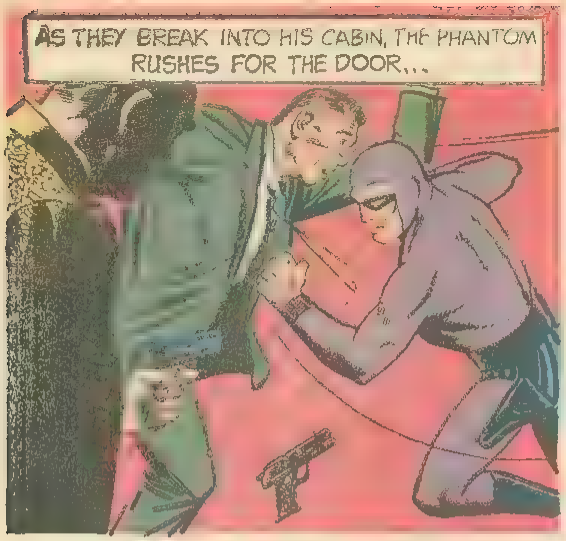
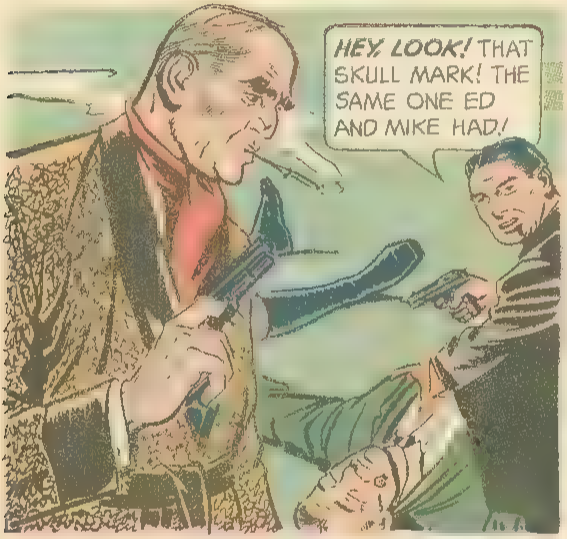
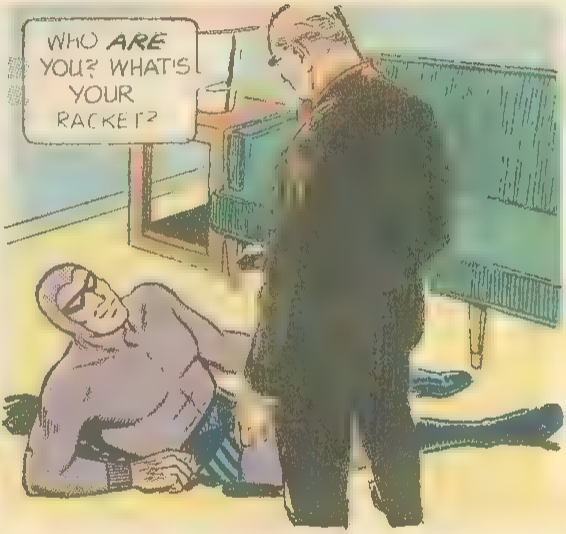
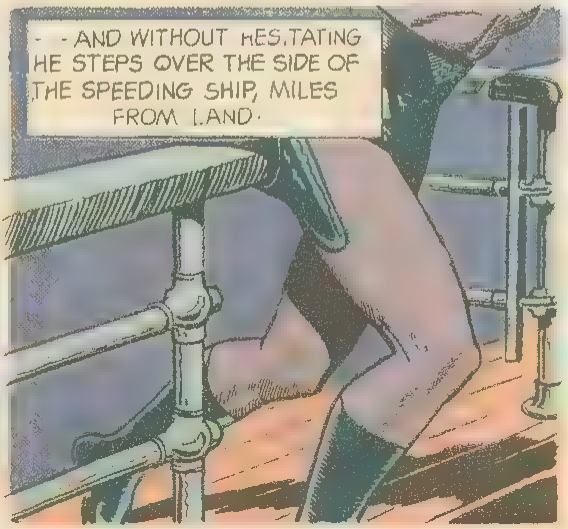

AS THEY BREAK INTO HIS CABIN, THE PHANTOM RUSHES FOR THE DOOR...

...BUT HE'S STOPPED AS A GUN BUTT CRASHES DOWN ON HIS HEAD!


HEY, LOOK! THAT SKULL MARK! THE SAME ONE ED AND MIKE HAD!


WHO ARE YOU? WHAT'S YOUR RACKET?

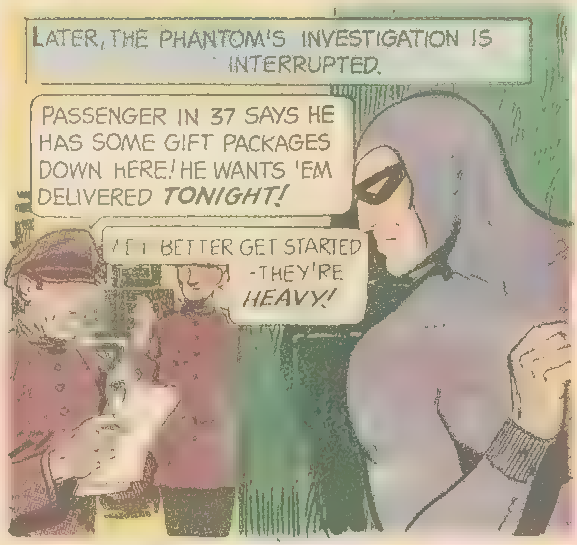
--WITHOUT A WORD, THE PHANTOM IS ON HIS FEET AND OUT THE CABIN DOOR!
DON'T SHOOT, WE'LL HAVE THE WHOLE SHIP DOWN ON US! AFTER HIM!

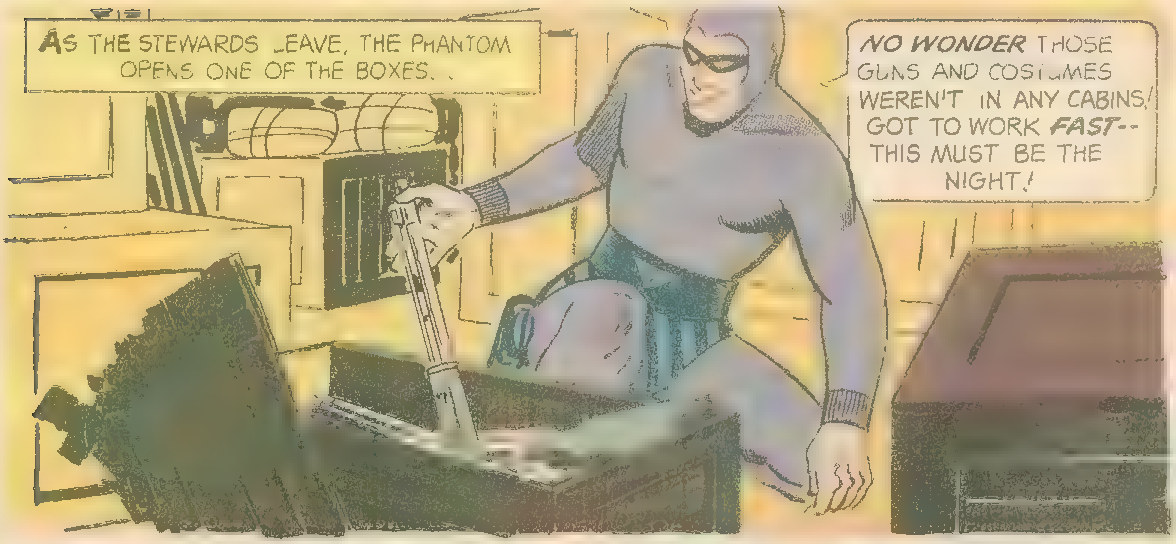

--AND WITHOUT HESITATING HE STEPS OVER THE SIDE OF THE SPEEDING SHIP, MILES FROM LAND.

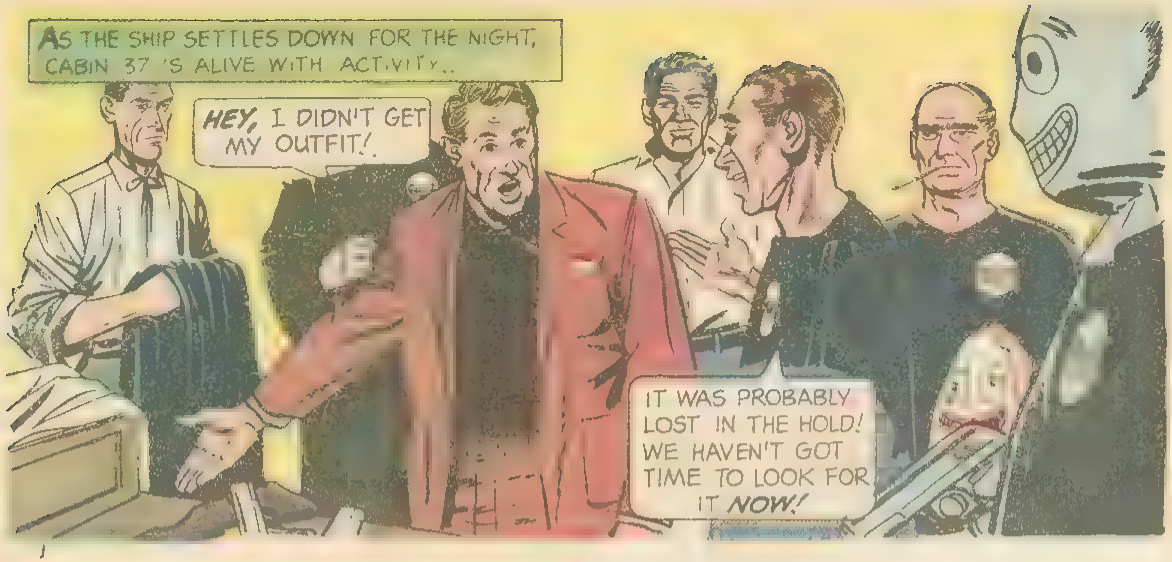
WHAT'S HE DOING?-- WE'RE AT SEA!
HE MUST BE CRAZY!

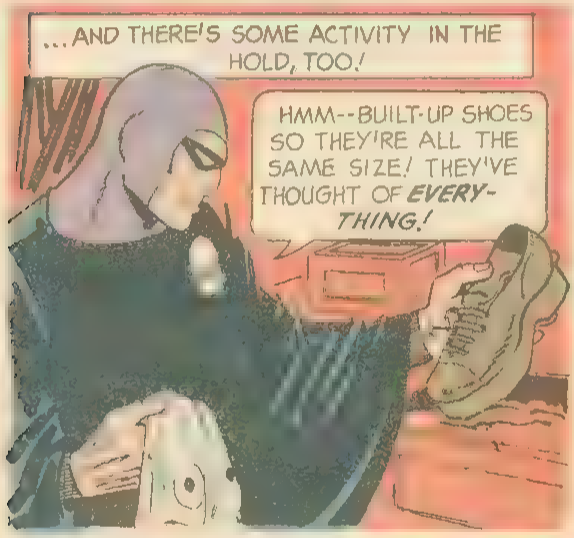
JUST BELOW THE PHANTOM GRABS THE RAIL-

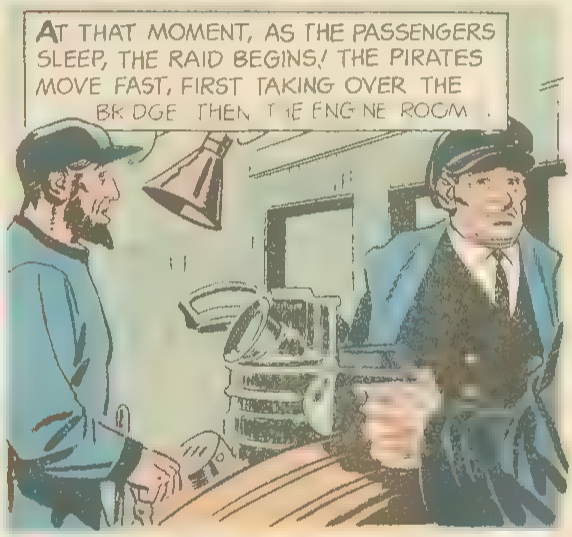
THEY'VE GOT GUNS SOME-WHERE ABOARD THIS SHIP! I'VE GOT TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY USE THEM!

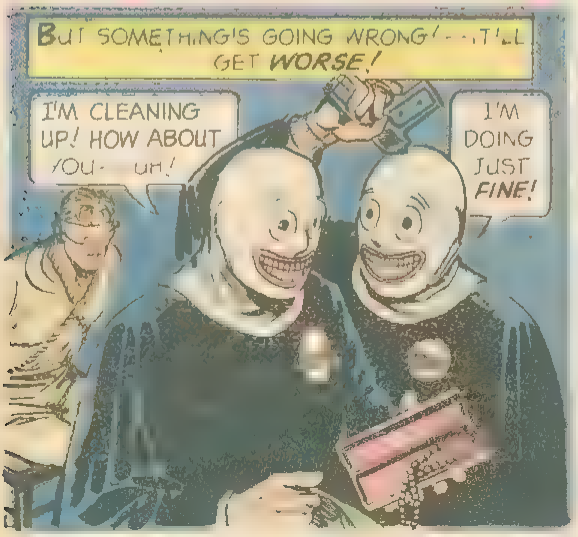

LATER, THE PHANTOM'S INVESTIGATION IS INTERRUPTED.
PASSENGER IN 37 SAYS HE HAS SOME GIFT PACKAGES DOWN HERE! HE WANTS 'EM DELIVERED TONIGHT!
I'D BETTER GET STARTED -THEY'RE HEAVY!

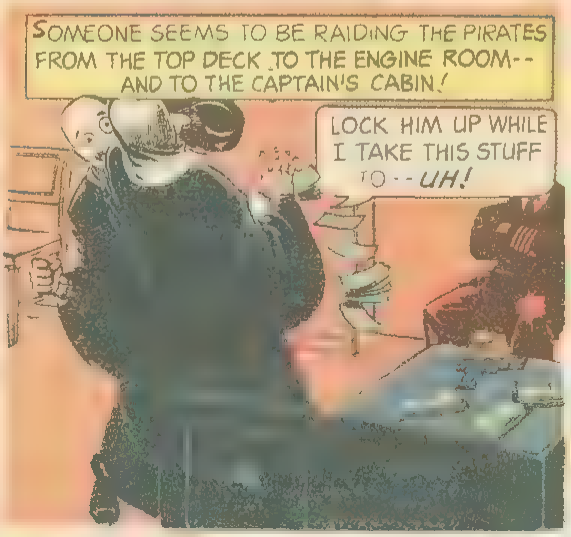

AS THE STEWARDS LEAVE, THE PHANTOM OPENS ONE OF THE BOXES.
NO WONDER THOSE GUNS AND COSTUMES WEREN'T IN ANY CABINS! GOT TO WORK FAST-- THIS MUST BE THE NIGHT!


AS THE SHIP SETTLES DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, CABIN 37 'S ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY..
HEY, I DIDN'T GET MY OUTFIT!.
IT WAS PROBABLY LOST IN THE HOLD! WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO LOOK FOR IT NOW!


...AND THERE'S SOME ACTIVITY IN THE HOLD, TOO!
HMM--BUILT-UP SHOES SO THEY'RE ALL THE SAME SIZE! THEY'VE THOUGHT OF EVERY-THING!

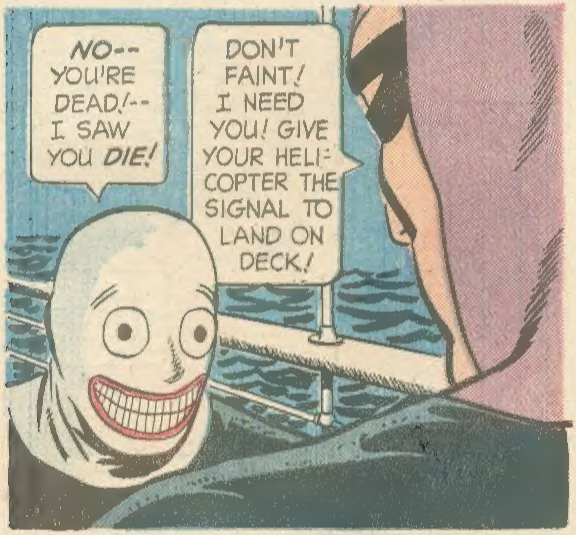

AT THAT MOMENT, AS THE PASSENGERS SLEEP, THE RAID BEGINS! THE PIRATES MOVE FAST, FIRST TAKING OVER THE BRIDGE THEN THE ENGINE ROOM.


BUT SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG!--IT'LL GET WORSE!
I'M CLEANING UP! HOW ABOUT YOU--UH!
I'M DOING JUST FINE!


SOMEONE SEEMS TO BE RAIDING THE PIRATES FROM THE TOP DECK TO THE ENGINE ROOM--AND TO THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN!
LOCK HIM UP WHILE I TAKE THIS STUFF TO--UH!

WHERE IS EVERYBODY? --THIS IS TAKING TOO-- UH!
I'LL MAKE YOUR REPORT FOR YOU!

WELL? -- WELL? WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
ONLY TWO OF US LEFT! --YOU AND I!


NO-- YOU'RE DEAD!-- I SAW YOU DIE!
DON'T FAINT! I NEED YOU! GIVE YOUR HELI-COPTER THE SIGNAL TO LAND ON DECK!

AS HE GIVES THE SIGNAL TO THE WAITING HELICOPTER, THE LAST OF THE GOGGLE-EYE PIRATES FEELS THE MIGHT OF THE PHANTOM'S FIST!

COME OUT OF THERE BEFORE I BLAST YOU OUT!

LATER, THE PHANTOM REPORTS TO THE CAPTAIN.

THE RAID'S OVER, CAPTAIN. YOU'LL FIND THE PIRATES *EASY* TO ROUND UP NOW!

WHERE ARE THEY? I'LL *PULVERIZE* THEM!

I THINK SOMEBODY BEAT YOU TO IT!

YOU DESTROYED THIS MOB SINGLE-HANDED! *HOW* DID YOU DO IT?

IT TOOK A BIT OF DOING! THEY'RE ALL YOURS NOW, CAPTAIN!--

--EXCEPT *THIS* ONE! I NEED HIM TO LEAD ME TO THE ORION LOOT!

WAIT... WHO ARE *YOU?*

THE PASSENGER IN CABIN 14!

ON THE HIGH SEAS, FROM WHARF TO WHARF, THEY TELL THE TALE OF HOW THE ANCIENT NEMESIS OF PIRATES DESTROYED THE GOGGLE-EYES!

PIRATES KILL THE PHANTOM... THROW HIM INTO THE GREAT SEA--BUT HE RETURNS--

GHOST WHO WALKS --CAN *NEVER* DIE!

BUT IN THE JUNGLE, NO ONE IS SURPRISED! THAT IS THE PHANTOM'S WAY!

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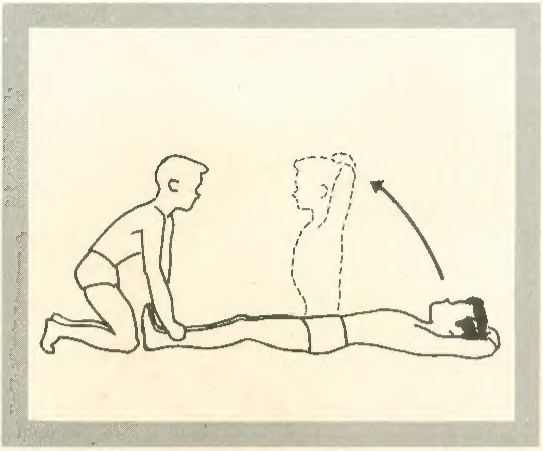
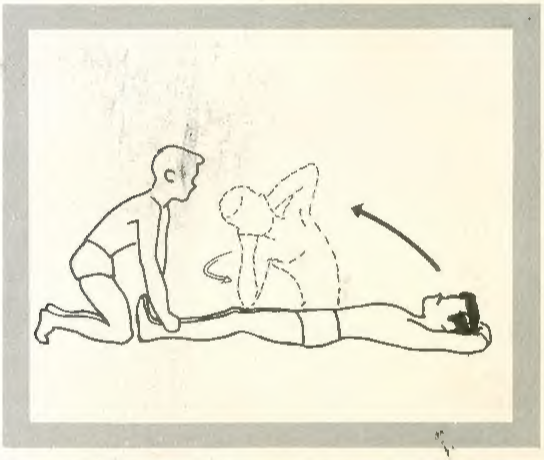
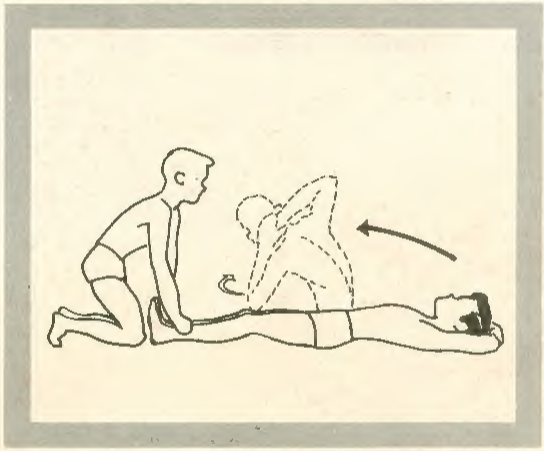


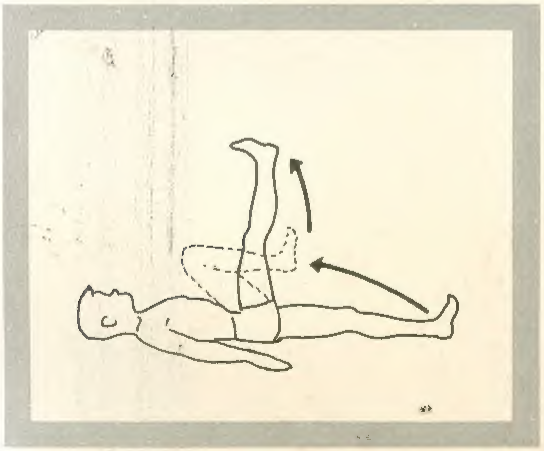
Sit-ups . . . Lie flat, hands under head, feet slightly spread—a partner holding your ankles down . . . Sit up without bending knees.



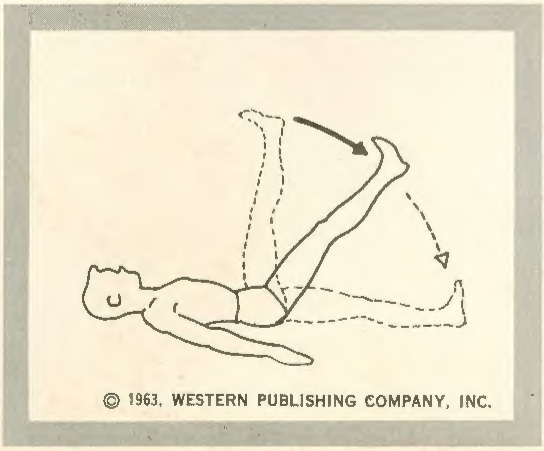
Now, while keeping your hands clasped behind your head, touch your left knee with your right elbow . . . Return to flat position.



This time, sit up and touch your left elbow to your right knee . . . Return to flat posture and repeat—boys 14 times, girls 10 times.



Lie flat on your back . . . Raise right knee, bringing it as near to your chest as you can; then raise it perpendicular to floor.



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Slowly lower your right leg to floor, keeping it straight. Raise left knee, straighten it upward, lower it slowly and repeat exercise.

THE PHANTOM PIN-UP NO. 4